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THE VIRGINIA GAZETTE.

Containing the freshest Advices, Foreign and Domestic.

From Friday, September 3, to Friday, September 10, 1736.

THE MONITOR. N^o. 6.

Similis quam similibus, insipissima bestia, nobis?
Cic. de Nat. Deorum.

THE other Night, as I was lolling in my Elbow Chair, in my Study, I was contriving some Method to give our Fair *Letitia Tattle* a View of my long Nose; when, of a sudden, I was surpris'd with Three Taps at the Door of my outward Chamber. My Man *Dominic* going to the Door, which was only half shut, flew back again in a great Flight, and told me he was sure it was the Devil, for he never saw such a Figure before. Pray, Sir, said I, desire the civil Gentleman to stalk in; and you see Chairs.

At the first Interview, I was inclin'd to my Man's Opinion, that 'twas a Devil; but whether Male, or Female, was in Doubt.

The Figure was upwards of Six Feet, a swarthy Complexion, a large Bottle-Nose, that spread so far on each Cheek, that took a great deal off from the Length of the Face; the Eyes no bigger than Ferrets, and full as Red; the Mouth very large, and the Under-Lip hung over the Chin. The Dress was a Man's Hat; a Woman's short Cloak, that hung look down to the Waist, which play'd to and fro, and gave Air to the Body; (which was without Stays); from the Waist downwards, was a large Pair of Trowlers fit for a Burgher-Master.

As soon as we were seated, *Dominic* trembling, got behind my Chair, and whisper'd me, the Candle burnt blue. I order'd him to withdraw, and that the Door after him, which he was willing to comply with. After taking a thorough View, I desired to know in what Manner I was to address myself, Sir, or Madam? The Answer was, I am a Woman, Sir, and Mistress of a large Family; I find you are much surpris'd at my Dress, therefore I shall explain it, and proceed to my Business.

You are to know, Sir, I am a Woman of Fashion; I was born and bred in France, and the Dress you see me in, was French originally, but now modeliz'd.

In the Years 19 and 20, which were the Two Years, France, Holland, and England, were searching for the *Philosopher's Stone*; I was then at what we Women call, Years of Discretion; that is, to be capable of Discerning, to know what's Becoming, and what not. In the first Place we, One and All, agreed to shave our Heads; and to supply this Defect (if any were so stupid as to think it one,) a Peruke was propos'd, and I would have been so, and very short, like unto that of a Scotch Dog, which we call the *Tire de Mutton*: Upon this a Coat was propos'd, so that without any Trouble, we could dress, and undress the Head. This I left off upon my Arrival; and to supply the Place, besook me to the Men's Hat.

The next Thing to complete our French Dress, was the *Robe de Chambre*, what the Vulgar call'd a *Sac*. This was a long Blouse full of Pleats, and without any Girdle: In which Habit we frequently took the Air on Horseback. I shall inform you, our Manner then was to ride on Stride; therefore to answer that Part of the Dress, you see me look to the Waist; As to my Breeches, they are an Improvement upon the Fashion, and what our Sex, when accusom'd to, will not dislike to wear.

I told her, I thank'd her for her Relation, but that I was going to be busy, therefore desired her to be Brief: To which she reply'd, Sir, I'll take up as little of your Time as possible, and therefore shall come to the Point.

I am inform'd you are acquainted with the *MONITOR*; and therefore what I have to propose, is to serve him: I love to do all the Good in my Power; I have Six Daughters (God bless them all!) and each of them capable of any Post he shall think proper to confer upon them.

Here I was more confounded than ever, and took the Woman to be mad; to which I reply'd, Madam, what Post are they desirous of? O! Sir, reply'd the Lady, they have different Talents. There's my Eldest Daughter *Miss Leer*, is as good a Girl at Auction, as any in the Country; and will draw a Circle about her immediately where ever she goes.

Then my Second, *Miss Sy*; She has not one Bit of French in her, she's as Secret as Death.— Believe me, Sir, she was once in a Company of 15 Women for 6 Hours, and never opened her Lips. You may let her down for some important Occasion.

My Third Daughter, *Miss Fidget*; She's here and there and every where; she never misses a Tea-Table, if there be Ten within the Compass of her Visits in a Day. There she hears Slander, Back-biting, and Scandal; which may turn out to some Use.

As to my Fourth Daughter, *Annet*; She's a fine Girl, that's the Truth on't: She's for ever mending her Lips with her Tongue, that gives them a pouting Ripeness that tempts all the young Fellows in the Town; then she's a Girl of a very inquisitive Temper; so she may be excellent in her Way.

My Fifth Daughter, *Phillis*; She's an unaccountable Giel. The first Week of every Moon, she's dying for Love of some *Alexis*, or other.— She's for ever receiving or answering of *Billet-doux*, and Scraps of Poetry; which may not be amiss.

As to my youngest Daughter, *Euphemia*; She's courted by Sir *Polish's* Waiter; he can inform her how Affairs stand in— (but no Matter) She's a Giel of a bright Genius, and very willing; therefore, I take her to be undeniable.

And now, Sir, I have given you an Account of my Family. I live a great Way off; and as this was my chief Errand, I hope you'll dispatch me to my Satisfaction. If you please to enjoin them or me to Secrecy, they're within Call.

To which I reply'd, since they were so desirous of Employment, I would engage them for the *MONITOR*; but could not put them into immediate Service, 'til the *MONITOR* had weigh'd the Matter, and considered their respective Qualifications: That if the pleas'd to send for them, I would talk to them: Upon which the good Lady, with the utmost Transport, seiz'd hold of a Pen, call'd for Half a Sheet of Paper, and dispatch'd her Messenger directly. I importun'd her, in the mean Time, to refresh her self, and recruit her Spirits with a Glass of Wine; after her Fatigue; and in'st her Space of Time, the Ladies appear'd. After a little Discourse, they told me, if I distrust their Honours, they were willing to be enjoin'd by Oath. Upon which I thought I could not administer any Oath upon the Occasion, more binding than that of the *Free Mason*; and, after fast'ning the Door, and going thro' some of the usual Forms, I trad'd it to them, which they took with great Solemnity.

N. B. Their different Employments will be serv'd as soon as possible.

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IN AFFECTIONATE REMEMBRANCE OF
MY UNCLE,
COLONEL JAMES CHRISTOPHER JOHNSON
WHO WAS CLERK OF KING WILLIAM COUNTY,
1887 TO 1893


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INTRODUCTION

HE first newspaper printed in Virginia appeared under the dateline August 6, 1736. It was *The Virginia Gazette* printed in Williamsburg by William Parks, owner, printer and editor. Half a century earlier an attempt to introduce printing in Virginia had met with failure. The press was not encouraged at that time, either in England or the colonies. This unfriendly attitude is illustrated by the much-quoted dictum of Governor Berkeley to the effect that he thanked God there were no free schools, and no printing presses in Virginia, and he hoped there would not be for another hundred years.

"For," he declared, "learning has brought disobedience and heresy and sects into the world and printing has divulged them."

Lord Culpeper, Berkeley's successor, was somewhat more liberal-minded and in 1682 John Buckner of Gloucester County was allowed to bring in a press and a printer. This was the second press in America, the first having been in Massachusetts. The printer possessed the strange, though perhaps not significant, name of William Nuthead. If this venture had been allowed to continue it would certainly have resulted in the publication of a newspaper, but on February 21, 1683 Mr. Buckner was ordered to appear before the Council to answer for his presumption in printing the acts of Assembly of November, 1682.

Mr. Buckner's defense was that he had repeatedly charged his printer not to print anything without the authorization of the governor; that only two sheets had been printed; and that he had intended to submit these to "His Excellency" for his approval. The gentlemen of the Council duly considered this defense and declared themselves "well satisfied therewith." Notwithstanding this, Mr. Buckner was ordered to enter into bond for one hundred pounds not to print anything more "until

His Majesty's pleasure be known." Final instructions were received by the governor "that no person be permitted to use any press for printing anything whatsoever," and this was the end of printing in Virginia for fifty years. John Buckner returned to his plantation, and the unfortunate Mr. Nuthead, deprived of a vocation in Virginia, fled to the more liberal colony of Maryland, and after a year or two his name disappears from the records.

William Parks, Virginia's first editor, also began his career as colonial printer in Maryland. Born in England, he had been a successful printer in the town of Ludlow in Shropshire. When the need for a public printer arose in Maryland in 1727, he was probably apprised of the fact. At any rate America called to him. Here was opportunity for freedom of the press which even then did not prevail in England. With him to these shores came his wife, Eleanor, and most probably a new press, new type, and full equipment for artistic printing. He became official printer to the Maryland Assembly, and founded *The Maryland Gazette*, the first newspaper south of Pennsylvania.

In 1730 William Parks opened an office in Williamsburg, and set up a press there. *The Maryland Gazette* for June 8, 1730 carried an announcement of the opening of the new office and stated that the editor had lately returned from a trip to England. The trip was probably made for the purpose of procuring new equipment for the Williamsburg establishment. For a while he was active in both colonies, but finding that divided interests interfered with his duties in Maryland, he decided to give his entire attention to the Virginia scene.

The Parks printing office in Williamsburg stood on Lot 47 on Duke of Gloucester Street. Dr. Lyon G. Tyler, writing in *The William & Mary Quarterly* for July, 1898, states that it was still standing in 1896 when the square of old houses in which it stood was destroyed by fire. In the ashes was found some old type. During the excavations made by Colonial Williamsburg more type was found, and a crucible evidently

used for the melting of metal for typecasting. The site of the old printing office is one block west of The Raleigh Tavern.

Parks also opened a bookstore in Williamsburg and furnished books for the college. He founded the first paper mill in Virginia on Archer's Hope Creek. In this venture he had the advice of Benjamin Franklin. *The Virginia Gazette* was published by him continuously from 1736 until his death in 1750. The earliest existing copy of his paper is the issue of September 3, 1736; the latest, September 9, 1746. In March, 1750, Parks found it necessary to make a trip to England on business. He died on shipboard April 1 "of a pleurisy." He is buried in the town of Gosport, England. *The Gazette* for February 1751 carried the following notice:

"To be sold for sterling money the printing office, outhouses and lot lately belonging to Mr. William Parks, deceased, on Duke of Gloucester Street in Williamsburg."

William Parks was one of the outstanding men of his day. He was recognized as an intelligent, liberal-minded and useful citizen of his adopted country. His daughter, Eleanor, married John Shelton of Hanover County and is believed to have been the mother of Patrick Henry's first wife, Sarah Shelton. After the lapse of a few months his work was continued by William Hunter, his former assistant. Hunter was born in Yorktown, Virginia. He was named Deputy Postmaster-General of the colonies under Benjamin Franklin. The full title of his first paper was *The Virginia Gazette, with the Freshest Advices, Foreign and Domestic*. The early publications of the Williamsburg press are collectors' items. Lucky the man or woman who should by chance discover an original copy of Governor Gooch's *Charge to the Grand Jury*, one of the first publications from the Parks press; or the first important publication of William Hunter. The latter was the diary kept by Washington on his trip to the Ohio, ordered by the House of Burgesses to be printed shortly after Washington's return in 1754. It bore the ponderous title: *The Journal of Major George Washington, sent by the Honorable Robert*

Dinwiddie, Lieutenant-Governor and Commander in Chief of Virginia, to the Commander of the French Forces on the Ohio.

Hunter also continued the publication of the series of *Virginia Almanacks* begun by Parks in 1741. A file of these once owned by George Washington, in which he had inserted leaves for notes on his farming operations and a sort of diary, is now among the treasures of the Congressional Library.

After Hunter's death in 1761 the *Gazette* was published successively by Joseph Royle, Alexander Purdie and William Rind. Purdie and Dixon formed a partnership, and William Rind established the first rival paper with the motto, "Open to all parties but influenced by none."

The largest file of *The Virginia Gazette* was preserved by Thomas Jefferson. When in 1815 Congress purchased the great statesman's library, which became the nucleus of the Congressional Library of today, these papers were purchased with it and thus preserved for posterity.

All of the existing copies of Parks' *Gazette*, together with those of later publications, from 1751 to 1778, have been reproduced by photostatic process by the Massachusetts Historical Society, making it possible for every large library in our land to own a file of these little four-page weeklies. For the student of Virginia colonial life they possess a peculiar fascination. There are detailed descriptions of runaway servants who seem to have made a practice of absconding with their entire wardrobes on their backs, regardless of the weather. Offered for sale in their pages are such things as chariots newly imported from England with harness for six horses. The notices of husbands seeking to repudiate their wives' debts lend the impression that women of that day were not always the meek, downtrodden creatures they are supposed to have been. One indignant gentleman accuses his wife of being "a naughty, furious jade."

Another begins, "Whereas my wife Elizabeth, without the least provocation, hath absconded from me and declares she will not return to her duty . . ." One feels like cheering the spirited Elizabeth, but of course the husband had the whip-

hand, since no independent careers were open to the women of the eighteenth century.

Modern feelings of delicacy are sometimes shocked by language used in a day when there were no laws prohibiting printed obscenity. Strange to say, one of the favorite targets for this sort of thing was the immaculate Mr. Jefferson. Many of the papers bear marginal notes penned by their subscribers. For instance, in an issue of 1770, or thereabouts, we find a royal proclamation ending with the customary, "God Save the King." An irate gentleman, wielding his pen like a sword, has scratched out "save" and interlined a furious "damn." One can picture his purple countenance.

When the capital was moved to Richmond in 1780 the press went too. Thereupon a rash of "Gazettes," "Compilers" and "Advertisers," variously described, broke out, flourished for a while, then to die and be forgotten. There was *The Virginia Gazette* edited by Augustine Davis; *The Virginia Argus*, by Samuel Pleasants; *The Examiner*, by Meriweather Jones; and a host of others, forgotten today.

The two great *ante-bellum* newspapers published in Richmond were *The Whig* and *The Enquirer*, edited respectively by the popular John Hampden Pleasants and the acid-tongued Thomas Ritchie, Jr. They were bitter rivals. By 1846 the feeling had become so intense between the two newspaper men that a duel was fought in which Pleasants was killed. This was almost the last duel in Virginia and it proved to be a duel to end duels, for popular indignation ran so high that legislation was passed to outlaw this barbaric "code of honor."

This newspaper survey was begun by the writer purely as a genealogical excursion. Dates of marriages and deaths were needed to complete a family history. The search proved so interesting she decided to go back into 1736; scan the succeeding years; and take from them every item relating to persons, places and events involving her native county of King William whose records have been largely destroyed. It was a labor of love but productive of much valuable information.

Richmond, Va., 1954.

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King William county, Sept. 13, 1736.



HEREAS Messrs Andrew Buchanan & Company, Merchants in Glasgow, did ship aboard the ship *Glasgow*, Andrew Gray, Master, one small truss of goods on account of the Subscriber, marked H. H., which goods are supposed to be lodged through mistake with some person who knows not the owner thereof; therefore if any one has the said truss in his possession, they are desired to give notice thereof to COLONEL LEWIS BURWELL near Williamsburg, or to

HUMPHREY HILL.¹

¹ Colonel Humphrey Hill, afterwards of "Hillsborough," in King and Queen County, lived for some years in King William County near the present Mangohick. After his marriage to Frances Baylor of King and Queen he moved to that county and built the lovely old mansion which still stands near the banks of Mattapony River. In his will, dated February 8, 1774, and proved March 13, 1775, Humphrey Hill devised to his son, William, "all my lands adjoining Mangohick Church in King William County."

NOVEMBER 5, 1736:

Ran away from the Subscriber two negroe men slaves; one of them called Poplar, from my home in King William County . . . the other called Planter from my Plantation in Roy's Neck in the County of King & Queen. . . . He is a young Angola Negro, very black and his lips are remarkable red. He is supposed to be in company with an old Negro fellow belonging to Colonel Corbin, of a yellowish hue, his hair is like a Madagascar's. . . . The Negro Poplar is outlawed.

BENJAMIN NEEDLER.²

² Benjamin Needler married Alice, daughter of Gawin Corbin. A daughter, probably, Alice, married Commissary William Robinson of

Stratton Major Parish, King and Queen County. See the will of Gawin Corbin in Fleet's *Virginia Colonial Abstracts*, Vol. IV; also *Virginia Magazine of History and Biography*, XIV; 26 and XVII; 208.

JUNE 10, 1737:

A very good Plantation containing 970 acres, a great part of which is rich Meadow Land, with two good Dwelling Houses with brick chimneys and cellars; also other convenient Buildings . . . lying on a navigable part of Pamunkey River just above Spencer's Ferry in King William county, being the plantation belonging to MR. NICHOLAS JOHNSON, and where he now lives,³ is to be sold. Enquire of the Proprietor or of MR. JAMES SKELTON in Hanover.

³ This was "Chericoke," formerly the home of Thomas Johnson, son of Col. Richard Johnson. Nicholas Johnson, son of Thomas, sold this place in 1740 to Richard Chapman, ancestor of the brilliant and famous lawyer, Chapman Johnson, of Louisa County. Later, "Chericoke" became the home of Carter Braxton, Signer of the Declaration of Independence from King William, and is still owned by his direct descendants. The tradition is that the Signer is buried in the cemetery there, but no stone has been found.

OCTOBER 21, 1737:

We hear from King William county that about a fortnight ago a young man hanged himself there, for what cause is not certainly known.

To be sold reasonably 170 acres of good land adjoining to King William Courthouse. Enquire of the Proprietor

HENRY AUSTIN.

DECEMBER 16, 1737:

Ran away from the Subscriber in King William county . . . two Servant Men, one of whom is a Blacksmith of a low stature . . . He had on when he went away a Serge Coat, a Penniston Wastecoat with brass buttons, and a pair of dark leathern Breeches; he had black eyes and a stinking breath. The other a Weaver . . . pock-fretten in the face and a scar on one or both of his legs. They rid a small gray mare and a

bay horse. . . . Whoever apprehends the two said runaways so that their Mistress may have them again, shall have four pounds paid by

ANN AYLETT.

DECEMBER 18, 1737:

The Brigantine, *John and Mary*, now lying at MR. RICHARD LITTLEPAGE'S⁴ wharf on Pamunkey River, is now ready to take in Tobacco . . . for Bristol.

⁴ This Richard Littlepage was grandson of Richard Littlepage of New Kent, the first of the name in Virginia, who died April 20, 1688 (St. Peter's Parish Register, page 434) and whose wife is denominated "Madame Elizabeth Littlepage." His son, the second Richard, who died March 20, 1717, patented large tracts of land on the Pamunkey River in King William, and, with Henry Fox, gave land for the courthouse. His wife is called "Madame Frances Littlepage." The Richard of the foregoing notice, third of the name, was born in New Kent, March 21, 1710 (Par. Reg. 368). I have no information at present as to his descendants, but his brother, Edmund, (born May 16, 1712) certainly became a resident of King William County, and his descendants have been identified with the county ever since. A scion of this family was the noted and talented General Lewis Littlepage, who figured prominently in European politics in the early years of the nineteenth century, and was a picturesque figure at the court of Catherine the Great of Russia. This aristocratic old family sadly needs a historian.

FEBRUARY 10, 1737:

Strayed from the Subscriber in King William County a large gray mare Whoever brings the said mare to GEORGE WOODROOFE in Spotsylvania County or to me the Subscriber in King William shall have two shillings reward.

JOSEPH TEMPLE.⁵

⁵ Joseph Temple lived at "Presqu'Isle" about two miles below Aylett's Warehouse. This tract of land is formed into an "almost island" by the Mattapony River and a small stream known by the name of "Spirit Run"—a name suggestive either of the supernatural or of some individual who in times past may have indulged too freely in something stronger than its crystal waters. After feeding Aylett's mill pond Spirit Run flows into the river just above Pointer's Landing,

thus cutting off a deep bend in the Mattaponi and enclosing one of the most fertile farms on the north side of the county. "Presqu'Isle" was Arnold property and it is likely that Joseph Temple acquired it by his marriage with Ann Arnold, daughter of Benjamin Arnold. Here was Arnold's Ferry, sometimes called Yarborough's Ferry, for many years the only crossing-place in this part of the county over the river to King and Queen. It is of the Arnolds, rather than the Temples, that I wish to write in this place.

One of the earliest patentees of land along the York and its tributaries was a man named Anthony Arnold. Where he came from, and what his old-world background, is not known. He was certainly an individualist and a law unto himself. His ideas of a man's right to his own personal freedom were one hundred years ahead of his time. Had he lived in 1776 instead of 1676 he would today be counted among our great patriots. As it is, few people have ever heard of him. His persistent cantankerousness was a headache to the Honourable Council.

"Whereas," they would pompously enunciate, "it appeareth to this Court that Mr. Anthony Arnall hath most presumptuously disobeyed an Order of this Court &c. &c." and then they would proceed to lay upon him a fine of several thousand pounds of tobacco which the "presumptitious" Mr. Arnold never seemed to bother himself to pay. They would send men out to apprehend him, but Mr. Arnold was always somewhere else. Professor Wertenbaker quotes him as saying:

"Kings have no rights but what they gott by Conquest and the Sword and he that could by force deprive them thereof had as good and just a Title to it as the King himself and if the King should deny to do him right he would make noe more to sheathe his sword in his heart or Bowells than of his own Mortall Enemyes."*

Bold words indeed for the seventeenth century! Naturally Anthony Arnold fell in with Bacon's Rebellion, and became one of its most ardent supporters. Upon the failure of that movement he was one of the first to feel the vengeful wrath of Governor Berkeley. On March 9, 1677 twenty-five men were tried and on the 15th all twenty-five were executed. Arnold was one of these and the story is that he was hanged in chains on the present site of the town of West Point.

In Peter Force's tracts there is quoted a quaint letter from a Mrs. An Cotton to some person unknown, in which she makes an allusion to "Anthony Arnall the same that did live at your house hanged in chaines at West Point."

*Thomas J. Wertenbaker: *Virginia under the Stuarts*; pages 204, 205. From the Public Record Office in London.

Whether or not there is any truth in the legend that he was hanged on a mulberry tree, and that descendants of that tree still survive near Second and Main Streets in West Point, I am unable to say, but it makes a pretty story.

The point of all this, and the reason for its insertion here, is that there are ample grounds for believing that this man, one of our first patriots, was father of Benjamin Arnold of "Presqu'Isle." Beyond doubt certain lands which had been patented by Anthony Arnold and upon his execution confiscated, were later restored to Benjamin Arnold, though nowhere is he actually stated to have been a son of the condemned man. In all of the family histories of the Temple, Arnold and Gwathmey families, (among whom there was a close family connection) which I have seen, Benjamin Arnold is spoken of as "Ben Arnold, a German." Certainly this name does not sound at all like a German name, and I know of no authority for the statement, but in the Gwathmey family there is an old Bible record which states that the first Gwathmey in this country married a widow Cluverius who was born an Arnold. Now, the name Cluverius (which has always been locally pronounced "Kliv-veers") is a most unusual one and *may* have been German. I wonder! The name Gwathmey is Welsh, as can be easily imagined. Who was the widow Cluverius who was "born an Arnold?"

APRIL 28, 1738:

Strayed on Monday the 17th of this instant April from Captain West's plantation in King William County a bay horse . . . He belongs to MR. WILLIAM COLE in Warwick county. Whoever brings him to the said CAPTAIN WEST's, to MR. RICHARD GREGORY's, or to MR. NATHANIEL CLAIBORNE's in King William shall have reward . . .⁶

⁶ The persons mentioned in the above advertisement represent one of those curious marital mixtures so often found among Virginia families. Jane, one of the much married daughters of William Cole of Warwick River, married, first, Nathaniel Claiborne, son of Thomas and Anne (Fox) Claiborne of "Sweet Hall," who died about 1756, traditionally, "in his fortieth year." She married secondly, Stephen Bingham (his long and interesting will is to be found among the King William petitions in the Virginia State Archives) who had a son, Stephen; and thirdly, Captain Francis West, son of Thomas West, by whom she had no children. These were, no doubt, all neighbors, living on contiguous farms.

Stolen or strayed from the Subscriber living in King William county near Page's Warehouse, a large bay horse. . . .

LUCY DABNEY.

MARCH 20, 1739:

The ferry commonly known as Graves' Ferry over York River near West Point, formerly Kept by Robert Willis, is now kept by me the Subscriber. . . .

JOHN WALLER.

APRIL 6, 1739:

Ran away from the Subscriber's Quarter in Essex county a Servant man named John Carty. . . .

WILLIAM AYLETT.

JUNE 22, 1739:

Ran away from the Subscriber in King William county the 10th of this instant two servant men and a lad, Vizt:

John Harswick of a low stature, dark complexion, with a smooth face, black eyes and Hair, has a stinking Breath, is about twenty years of age and is a Blacksmith by trade. He had on when he went away a brown Plains coat with flat metal Buttons, a striped Virginia cloth Wastecoat, a pair of Virginia cloth, a Pair of Drugget, and a Pair of Duroy Breeches (the Duroy mixed much like serge) and a pair of Crocus Trowsers, with several other Things. The other man, named William Hatter, is a shoemaker . . . He had on a light-colour'd Coat with flat metal Buttons, red Wastecoat and Breeches, a brown Linen Shirt and Crocus Trowsers. The lad, named Edward Hatter, is also a shoemaker. Had on a brown Linen Shirt, a Virginia cloth Wastecoat, lined with green shalloon and crocus Trowsers.

JOHN AYLETT.

N. B. The two Shoe-makers came in this year, but the Smith has been in three years and is a very great Rogue.⁷

⁷ The foregoing advertisement was copied almost in full because of the detailed description of the costumes worn by the runaways, who evidently carried all their baggage upon their backs. Imagine traveling through a Virginia June day thus clothed! Of the fabrics mentioned, duroy, drugget and shalloon were heavy woollen materials, and crocus

a coarse cotton or linen fabric. All were used for the making of servants' wearing apparel. Virginia cloth is self-explanatory. One wonders if the light-fingered gentleman of the "stinking breath," was the same individual advertised for in a previous issue.

John and William Aylett were sons of Colonel William and his wife Ann. William Aylett moved to Westmoreland County where he married, first, Ann Ashton, and secondly, Elizabeth Eskridge. His will was proved in that county. His daughter, Ann, married Richard Henry Lee, and his daughter, Mary, Thomas Ludwell Lee. John Aylett married Mary Meriwether and left no issue.

JULY 27, 1739:

Stolen or strayed from the Subscriber a dark bay horse. Whoever brings the said Horse to me at my House in King William county shall have 26 shillings Reward.

JOHN ANDERSON.

JUNE 29, 1739:

Just imported from Barbadoes a large quantity of Rum, Sugar, &c. which is to be sold by MR. WILLIAM WINCH, Merchant, at his stores in New Kent and King William. . . .

NOVEMBER 23, 1739:

A good Kitchen Gardener that wants employment in that business and who can be well recommended will meet with good encouragement if he applies to the Honourable William Dandridge, Esq.⁸ at his home in King William county.

⁸ The Honorable William Dandridge of "Elsing Green" was a brother of John Dandridge of New Kent, father of Martha Washington. William Dandridge married (second wife) Unity West, daughter of Nathaniel West and his wife, Martha, daughter of William Woodward and widow of Gideon Macon. Their descendants are legion.

AUGUST 24, 1739:

Strayed from the Plantation of the Subscriber in King William county a middle-sized white horse. . . .

GEORGE SEATON.⁹

⁹ George Seaton was a son of Henry and Elizabeth (Todd) Seaton. He was born in 1711 and died in 1750. His mother married, secondly, Augustine Moore of "Chelsea."



—Courtesy the *William and Mary Quarterly*.

EDGEHILL, King William County



—Courtesy the *William and Mary Quarterly*.

GREEN LEVEL, King William County

APRIL 21, 1745:

To be sold by Public Outcry on Monday the 2nd of December next at the Subscriber's Plantation on Moncuin Swamp (*i. e.* Manquin) near Spiller's Ordinary and Crenshaw's Mill in King William county, a parcel of Household Goods, 20 choice Slaves, Men, Women and Children, a large stock of Horses, . . .

PETER HAY.

King William County, Nov. 21, 1745.

Strayed from the Plantation of MR. ISAAC WINSTON in Henrico County a small bay horse. . . . Whoever will convey him to the REV. PETER FONTAINE in Charles City county, to MR. ISAAC WINSTON in Henrico, to MR. WILLIAM TAYLOR near Newcastle, or to the Subscriber in King William county, will have reward.

MATTHEW MAURY.

DECEMBER 18, 1745:

To be sold 450 acres of land on Mattapony River two miles from King William Court House, well-timbered, with dwelling-house, store-house, stables, &c. . . .

JOHN NORTON.

JUNE 13, 1745:

Lost on the road between *Elliott's* (Aylett's)¹⁰ Warehouse in King William county and Williamsburg on the 11th instant Two Holland Shirts, ruffled, with two Cambrick Cravats marked R, a Holland Waistcoat, a pair of Thread Stockings, all wrapped up in a Checquered Linen Handkerchief. Whoever brings them to MR. DICKINS at King William Court-house, MR. FORNEAU in New-Kent, or to WILLIAM PARKS in Williamsburg, shall, &c. . . .

¹⁰ There were three families in King William whose names were confused by reason of misspelling and mispronunciation. They were AYLETT, ELLIOTT and ELLETT—three entirely separate and distinct families, bearing little, if any, relationship one to another. Usually, they were, in common parlance, all pronounced ELLETT!

DECEMBER 12, 1745:

Ran away, . . . a servant man named Daniel Wheaton belonging to ABRAHAM BEDEL living near the place where the upper Southanna-Bridge stood in Hanover county. His master, MR. JOHN FITZGERALD of King William county, . . .

WILLIAM PARKS.

King William County, May 6, 1745.

Ran away last night two Convict Irish Servant Men belonging to MR. JOHN MARTIN, attorney at law of the said county.

Strayed from the Subscriber living in King William county two middle-sized Bay Horses. (May 23, 1745.)

JOSEPH TEMPLE.

To be Sold—500 acres of good land 9 miles above Hanover Court House on the south branch of Pamunkey River . . . 170 acres of land on Black Creek in New Kent county . . . 100 acres on the same creek about 3 miles above it . . . all belonging to MR. GEORGE CLOPTON of King William county. . . . Apply to MR. WILLIAM CLOPTON in King William county. . . . (July 11, 1745.)

To be Sold at Public Outcry . . . at King William Court in October next 600 acres of land in King William county where MR. HOWARD COX, dec'd, lately lived and where MR. JOHN MARTIN now lives, being subject to the dower of the said Mr. Cox's widow which is assigned to her clear of the Mansion and Outhouses. There is on the land a Dwelling-house and Garden, a Store-house and all necessary outbuildings. It is situated on Mattaponi River, five miles above the Court House. . . . (July 23, 1746.)

JANUARY 8, 1746:

To be Sold at Hanover Court House on April next 1,340 acres on Hickory Creek in Louisa County; 4,000 acres on

Gold Mine Creek in the same county . . . which land formerly belonged to CAPTAIN JOHN AYLETT,¹¹ deceased, . . .

PHILLIP BUCKNER

PHILLIP AYLETT

¹¹ John Aylett was a son of William Aylett, first clerk of King William. He married Mary Meriwether and was dead without issue in 1744. Philip Aylett, his brother, married Martha Dandridge, a daughter of William Dandridge of "Elsing Green," and was ancestor of the King William Ayletts. Philip Buckner married their sister, Jane Aylett.

JANUARY 9, 1746:

The Subscriber living in King William County gives this Public Notice that he intends (God willing) to go to England by the first convenient opportunity and desires all persons to settle their accounts with him by the 10th of the month.

WILLIAM CLAIBORNE.

SEPTEMBER 11, 1746:

If there are any children of Catherine Spence (Spencer?) who lived many years in this Colony, and was commonly known as the Old Post-Woman, by applying to the Subscriber in King William county they may be informed of something to their advantage.

JOHN MARTIN.¹²

Strayed from the Plantation of MR. ROBERT TODD in King & Queen county on Wednesday the 6th of August, a bay Mare. Reward from

JOHN MARTIN.¹²

¹² John Martin of King William was an older son of Colonel John Martin of Caroline, of whom more will be written later. He was probably a son of a first marriage.

May 22, 1752:

To be Sold, A Tract of Land lying in James City county within a mile of Fornea's Ordinary, containing 1,600 acres. Any person inclinable to purchase may know the terms by applying to the Subscriber living in King William county.

THOMAS CHAMBERLAYNE.¹³

¹³ Thomas Chamberlayne was a son of William Chamberlayne of

New Kent County, and his wife, Elizabeth, daughter of Richard Littlepage. William Chamberlayne died August 2, 1735, aged 36, and a tablet to his memory, giving the names of his children, and stating that he was "a descendant of an ancient and honorable family in the County of Hereford," was erected in St. Peter's Church. (See Vestry Book and Parish Register, page 656.) Thomas Chamberlayne, his son, was born September 13, 1727, according to this tablet. He married Wilhelmina Byrd, only surviving child of Col. William Byrd, II, of "Westover," and Lucy Parke, his first wife. The Chamberlaynes lived at "Eglington," on the Mattaponi River, in King William County. The house, a handsome brick mansion, burned in the early years of the nineteenth century, and the bricks, according to the statement of an old colored woman (1950) who had lived on the farm all her life, as had her mother and grandmother before her, were carted off and used in the building of Colosse Baptist Church several miles away.

FEBRUARY 28, 1750/1:

To be Sold the house and land whereon COL. JOHN MARTIN lately lived in Caroline County containing about 2,700 Acres. Apply to the Scribes in King William County.

JOHN MARTIN¹⁴

SAMUEL MARTIN¹⁴

¹⁴ John and Samuel Martin were sons of Colonel John Martin who had extensive grants of land in Caroline and upper King and Queen in the branches of Beverley's Run. William Byrd of "Westover," spent the night of October 6, 1732 as his guest and has given a lively account of his entertainment. Colonel Martin, he says, "met me with more gravity than I expected, but, upon inquiry, his lady was sick, which had lengthened his face and given him a very mournful air. Poorer land I never saw than what he lives upon but the wholesomeness of the air and the goodness of the roads make some amends. At my first arrival the colonel saluted me with a glass of good Canary, and soon after filled my belly with good mutton and cauliflower. Two people were as indifferent company as a man and his wife without a little inspiration from the bottle, and then we were forced to go to the kingdom of Ireland to help out our conversation. There, it seems, the colonel has an elder brother, a physician, who threatens him with an estate, some time or other; though possibly it might come to him sooner if the succession depended upon the death of one of his patients."*

*William Byrd of Westover: *Journey to the Land of Eden*, edited by Mark Van Doren, page 326. (The Vanguard Press, 1928.)

The next morning Mrs. Martin's condition was worse and the visitor had no opportunity "of seeing how much she had altered." Mrs. Martin was a daughter of Lewis Burwell of York County who is mentioned in the latter's will of 1710 as "Martha, Junior," since, strangely enough, there were two daughters named Martha. Mrs. Martin, therefore, was formerly known to Byrd. The story continues so vividly that we cannot forbear to quote a little further from this prince of *raconteurs*:

"I prudently ate a meat breakfast to give me spirits for a long journey and a long fast. My landlord was so good as to send his servant along with me to guide me through all the turnings of a difficult way. In about four miles we crossed the Mattaponi river at Norman's ford and then slanted down to King William county road. We kept along that for about twelve miles, as far as the new brick church. After that I took a blind path, that carried me to several of Colonel Jones's quarters which border upon my own."*

Just where the traveler crossed the Mattaponi is uncertain. There are several very old crossings along the upper reaches of our little river, and a certain Samuel Norment, whose name has ever in local parlance been called "Norman," apparently had land somewhere in that "neck of the woods." I do not agree with the accepted theory that Byrd crossed at the present Reedy Mill. In order to have done that he would have had to go definitely northward from Colonel Martin's and this is not plausible. The practical Byrd always went on the geometric principle that the shortest distance between two points is a straight line, or at least as straight as could be managed. It is not, however, a difficult feat of the imagination to visualize that picturesque gentleman traveling horseback in brilliant autumn weather, along the familiar old "King William county road" which in course and character has not changed materially in two hundred years. We can also picture the old finger signposts which stood at every cross-road and gave him his course and mileage, for many of these continued to be maintained even in the memory of this present scribe. As for the identity of the "new brick church," I do not venture an opinion, but it would seem logical to me that it was Old St. David's or, as more familiarly known, "Old Cat-Tail." More will be said later about Colonel John Martin.

JUNE 6, 1751:

To be sold, two Tracts of Land on James River, one containing 1,300 acres lying in the Fork; the other within four

*William Byrd of Westover: *Journey to the Land of Eden*, edited by Mark Van Doren, page 363. (The Vanguard Press, 1928.)

miles of Albemarle Court House containing 500 acres . . . belonging to the Subscriber in King William county.

EDWARD PYE CHAMBERLAYNE.¹⁵

¹⁵ This Edward Pye must have been son of William Chamberlayne, and brother of Thomas. If so, he was born January 20, 1726. The "fork" of James River was near the mouth of the Rivanna, above which the James River was formerly called The Fluvanna. The town of Columbia now stands in the point where the two meet, occupying the site of the old Indian village of Russameake, chief habitation of the Monacans.

JUNE 13, 1751:

To be Sold . . . the following Tracts of Land belonging to the Estate of MR. THOMAS MARTIN, Deceased, late of the City of Bristol, Merchant:

On Hanover Court Day in August, 1,000 acres of Land lying in the County of Louisa;

On King & Queen Court Day in August, 1,100 acres in King & Queen County about four miles from Todd's Warehouse;

On King William Court Day in August, 50 Acres on Mattapony River,¹⁶ known by the Name of *White Oak*.

JOHN ROBINSON
HUMPHREY HILL

¹⁶ The Mattapony River took its name from the Indian tribe. The word means "The No Corn People," and is said to have been a term of derision applied to them by the Pamunkeys because they never made corn enough to support them through the winter and were forced to borrow from their neighbors on the other stream. Charles Campbell, the Virginia historian, says it means "No bread at all," but this is an exaggeration. The fertility of the soil bordering the two rivers is still apparent, but we always had plenty of corn pone and cracklin' bread on the Mattapony.

For the benefit of our northern friends, who insist upon correcting our (to them) sloppy pronunciation, let me say that the name is Mat-ta-po-nigh, with a soft accent on the final syllable as in most Indian names. A perfect illustration of this pronunciation is found in the story our grandmothers used to tell us. An Indian went to sleep on his mat.



—Courtesy The Virginia State Chamber of Commerce.

MATTAPONY RIVER, King William County



—Courtesy the *William and Mary Quarterly*.

BURLINGTON, King William County

When he woke in the morning the relative position of mat and man had been reversed and the surprised Indian exclaimed: "Mat upon I!"

The little tributaries that combine to form our pleasant little river have been given the syllabic names of The Mat, The Tay, The Po and The Ny. They are crossed by the busy highway between Richmond and Washington.

APRIL 4, 1751:

To be Sold on Tuesday the 7th of May next for ready money at my house in King William County about 25 young Virginia born slaves belonging to PHILIP BUCKNER . . . To be sold reasonably a tract of Land whereon the Subscriber now lives in King William County containing about 1,500 acres, having two plantations well fenced and sufficient to work at least fifteen negroes, with several Tobacco Houses and also a commodious Dwelling-house, underpinned with brick, unfinished. The Land is very convenient to churches, schools, . . .

PHILIP BUCKNER.

Littlepage's, April 15, 1751.

Ran away last night from the ship *Prince William*, William Smith, commander, a sailor named David Caldwell, a short-set Fellow of thin, swarthy complexion, Black Hair, and Eyebrows, somewhat bow-legged, about 24 years of age and speaks broad Scotch. Whoever takes him up and conveys him to me at Littlepage's on Pamunkey River shall have reward, . . .

WILLIAM SMITH.

APRIL 26, 1751:

Ran away from the Subscriber living in King William county an Irish Convict Servant named Billy Hughes, a short, well-set Fellow, full-faced, and fresh-coloured with a scar near his right temple. He carried with him two blue linen Shirts, a striped Holland Shirt, a pair of Brown Cloth Breeches, brown Linen Trousers, a pair of Shoes, speckled Virginia Yarn Stockings, a light-coloured Duffel Frock with a full cape to the neck, a hat, a Cap, and a Black Wig. This Fellow ran away from the Subscriber last June and was taken in Louisa county for

Robbery and burnt in the Hand last December Court, by the name of Thomas Lester (in Williamsburg) and I suppose will change his name again.

THOMAS DANSIE.

AUGUST 12, 1751:

Ran away from the Subscriber's in King William a short Negroe Fellow named Stepney; he has a Sailor's and a Negroe's dress, a large scar on the temple occasioned by a Burn; speaks thick and stutters; he may pretend to be a free Negroe, having been with me in England, Scotland, Ireland, New and Old Spain, Portugal, and the West Indies; he was my Cabbin-boy, &c. . . .

THOMAS DANSIE.¹⁷

¹⁷ Thomas Dansie was a retired sea-captain and a picturesque character. In spite of a rough and adventurous career he married into one of the best families in the county. On February 27, 1752, an act was passed by the colonial assembly empowering Thomas Dansie to build a "causeway through the marsh opposite his wharf, reciting that the passage from Claiborne's ferry in King William to the place appointed by law in New Kent was long and dangerous and that making a road or causeway through the marsh opposite to the wharf of the said Thomas Dansie in the said county of King William would render the passage of the traveller short and safe." (Hening's *Statutes*, VI; 428.) Dansie's Ferry on the Pamunkey is often mentioned by travelers of the period.

Thomas Dansie married Ann Dandridge, daughter of William Dandridge of "Elsing Green," and his wife, Unity West. She was a sister of Nathaniel West Dandridge, who married Dorothea Spotswood; of Elizabeth Dandridge, who married Philip Whitehead Claiborne; of William Dandridge, who married Agnes West; and of Mary Dandridge, who married John Spotswood, son of Governor Alexander Spotswood. The Dansies moved to Spotsylvania County where their wills were recorded.

FEBRUARY 15, 1752:

For Sale a Tract of Land lying in King-William county on Mattaponi River within four or five miles of Aylett's Warehouse convenient to Church and Mills, well timbered, with all convenient buildings for cropping. Terms may be had by applying to me at Williamsburg.

ARMISTEAD BURWELL.¹⁸

¹⁸ In 1699 Lewis Burwell of York County patented 5,000 acres in

Pamunkey Neck, now King William County. In his will, dated October 11, 1710, he left this land to his son, Lewis. The son, in 1736, petitioned the House of Burgesses for right to dock the entail on these lands, pleading their remote situation. The land foregoing advertised is almost certainly that purchased about this time by Owen Gwathmey of King and Queen. It is the homestead now owned by descendants and known as "Burlington." This was the first piece of the Burwell lands in King William to be sold and has never been owned by any but these two families. This purchase also included the farm now known as "The Meadow."

FEBRUARY 20, 1752:

The Mary, Captain Staniforth, now lying at Captain Dansie's in Pamunkey River, will take on tobacco for London at seven pounds per ton, with liberty of consignment. All Persons that are inclined to ship are desired to send their Notes or Orders to the captain on board, to MR. WILLIAM SPILLER at King-William court house, or to the Subscriber in York.

WILLIAM STEVENSON.

N. B. She will carry about 360 hogsheads and will sail next April.

FEBRUARY 27, 1752:

To be Sold the 20th of March next at West-Point, pursuant to the last will and testament of MARY LAMBERT, (Lambeth) deceased, all her estate consisting of a new Sloop, Burthen 70 or 60 hogsheads, with her tackle; two Negroe Fellows, very capable of going by water, one has been a skipper, and a good house Wench, Stock and Household Furniture; also two other Negroe Fellows, capable of going by water, are to be hired out. Credit will be allowed.

WILLIAM MERIDETH
JOHN MARTIN

MAY 29, 1752:

To be sold on Reasonable Terms 1,100 acres of Choice Land in King-William county, about a mile from Pamunkey river, with a large Dwelling-House, underpinned with Brick, and Brick Chimneys, and all other convenient houses, most of

them lately built. Any Person inclinable to purchase the whole, or any part, may know the terms by applying to the Subscriber, who lives near the Premises. . . .

PHILIP CLAIBORNE.

JUNE 12, 1752:

To be Sold the House and Land whereon COL. JOHN MARTIN¹⁹ lately lived in Caroline county, containing about 2,700 acres. The terms may be known by applying to COL. LEWIS BURWELL, near Williamsburg, or to JOHN MARTIN, Attorney at Law in King-William county.

¹⁹ Colonel John Martin, whom we have last seen playing host to Colonel William Byrd of "Westover," in his home in Caroline County, went back to Ireland where his brother, Dr. George Martin of Dublin, "threatened him with an estate," according to Colonel Byrd. The will of Dr. Martin was proved in February, 1755, and it was probably shortly after this that Colonel John Martin, accompanied by his older son, George, returned to Ireland to take possession of the estate left him. His will was probated there April 10, 1760. (See "Virginia Gleanings in England"; *Virginia Magazine of History and Biography*, Volume XXI; pp. 249 and 372.)

King-William County, June 5, 1752.

Ran away from the Subscribers, Two Irish Servant Men, Vizt: Philip Burn about 30 years of age about 5 feet 6 inches high, fresh colour'd, a dark complexion; he had on a brown Sailors Jacket, strip'd Swanskin ditto, a pair of brown Linen Trousers, English Shoes, and Virginia Stockings, a new felt Hat, a blue great Coat about half worn, a Pair of coarse strip'd Ticken Breeches, a Dowlas Shirt, and a brown Linen ditto. Thomas Ryan had on a brown Sailors Jacket, a strip'd Swanskin Wastecoat, a pair of coarse Ticken Breeches, a brown bob Wig, an old fine Hat, with some holes in the crown of it. He is a lusty, well-set Fellow of a good countenance about 5 feet and a half high; he cannot speak English. They pass for labourers, and have taken with them two spades. They are making toward Patowmack in Maryland. Whoever apprehends the said runaways and brings them to their Masters in King-William county shall have two Pistoles reward for

each if taken in Virginia, and three if taken out of Virginia, besides what the law allows, paid by

HARRY GAINES

JOHN FITZGERALD

N. B. The said runaways lay at Mr. Arnold's house in Hanover County and crossed the river enquiring the way to Fredericksburg, on Monday last.

AUGUST 27, 1752:

To be Sold at King William Court House next Court Day a Tract of Land about 800 acres near Aylett's Warehouse in the said county formerly belonging to THOMAS TAYLOR and by him mortgaged to HON. JOHN BLAIR, ESQ. . . . Bond on good security to the executors of MR. JOHN SKELTON, deceased.

JOHN FLEMING.

To be Sold a Tract of Land in James-City county about two miles from where Powers formerly kept Ordinary . . . 600 acres. Apply to the Subscriber living in King William county.

THOMAS CHAMBERLAYNE.

JUNE 14, 1752:

To be Sold, 420 acres of land in King-William county about ten miles from Aylett's Warehouse, part of a Tract lately belonging to COL. EDWIN THACKER.²⁰ Any person inclinable to purchase may apply to MR. HENRY THACKER in Middlesex county or to COL. LEWIS BURWELL in James-City.

²⁰ Colonel Edwin Thacker was burgess for Middlesex County, 1723, and probably other years. His daughters were: Frances, who married Lewis Burwell of "Kingsmill," James City Co.; Ann, who married Henry Washington of Middlesex Co.; Sarah, who married Leonard Hill of Essex Co. and Elizabeth.

JULY 24, 1752:

Strayed or stolen out of MR. AARON CRANE's pasture near *Manca-bic* (Mangohick?) Church in King William county a

light gray horse. Reward from the Subscriber in Caroline County.

JOHN BRUNSKILL.²¹

²¹ Reverend John Brunskill was Rector of St. Margaret's Parish 1738-1758. He was the subject of many complaints from his parishioners.

There is in the Subscriber's pasture near West Point a large gray Mare. . . . The owner may have the same by applying to

FERDINANDO LEIGH.²²

²² Ferdinando Leigh married the widow of Thomas West of West Point, who was Martha Cole, daughter of William Cole and his wife, Mary Roscoe.

King William Courthouse,

October 13, 1754

Ran away from the Subscriber about the 10th of this instant, an Irish Convict Servant Man named Barnaby Allan about 50 years of age, speaks tolerable good English and pretends to understand sailors' business. He has an odd way of walking when he gets in company to drinking and seems to go almost on his knees. He had on when he went away an old Pea-Jacket, Sailors Trousers, Oznabrigs Shirt, an old Hat cocked up with three corners, an old yellow wig, . . .

JOHN QUARLES, JR.

King William County, April 8, 1757.

Whereas some ill-disposed persons have falsely reported that the Ferry at Claiborne's is put down, this is to give notice that those who favor us with their custom may depend on good Usage and a quick Passage over to the usual place for seven-pence Halfpenny, Men and Horses, or down to Captain Macon's landing for One Shilling which cuts off ten Miles in their way to Williamsburg.

JANE CLAIBORNE.²³

²³ Jane Claiborne was the widow of Nathaniel Claiborne, and the daughter of William and Mary (Roscow) Cole of Warwick County. She married secondly Stephen Bingham, and thirdly, Francis West. By the last marriage she probably had no children.



—Courtesy the *William and Mary Quarterly*.

BROADNECK. Near Courthouse, King William County



—Courtesy the *William and Mary Quarterly*.

AUBURN. Near Palls, King William County

King William, June 27, 1766.

Ran away from the Subscriber on Saturday the 21st a Negro man slave named Pope; he formerly waited on MR. JERMAN BAKER and afterwards on MR. JAMES CLARK, who sold him to me. . . .

ROGER GREGORY.

LETTERS IN THE POST OFFICE AT WILLIAMSBURG.

(King William) Margaret Burwell, Nathaniel Burwell, Carter Braxton, Thomas Claiborne, Roger Gregory, Robert Hill, George Martin, Catherine Power, William Pomphrey, Mr. Temple.

(King and Queen) William Coughland, Rev. Hancock Dunbar, John Foster, William Hunt, Benjamin Pynes, John Richards, Elias Wills. (Issue of April 11, 1766.)

April 3, 1766.

Whereas little regard has been paid to my former advertisement requesting those who are indebted to the store kept by me at Page's as well as to them kept by MR. ALEXANDER DONALL at MAJOR BOSWELL'S and MR. ARCHIBALD GOVAN at Aylett's to come and settle their accounts, . . .

JOHN M'DOUALL.

MAY 2, 1766:

To be Sold . . . A Tract of land in King William County about seven miles from Todd's Warehouse well stocked with timber, . . . For terms apply to me at Middlesex.

MARY ELIZABETH THACKER.

JULY 4, 1766:

To be Sold, 300 Acres of well timbered land in Caroline County about three miles from Mantahick Church. Likewise about 200 pounds sterling value of European and India Goods, . . .

DUNCAN GRAHAM

MAY 5, 1766:

To be Sold at the Subscriber's in King William County a new fashionable Post Chariot with new harness for four Horses and Postilion Saddles imported last summer and never been used, . . .

SUSANNA LANGBORNE.

Williamsburg, December 14, 1766.

To be Sold at Public Auction at the Dwelling House of DOCTOR PETER HAY Sundry valuable Virginia born Slaves.

PHILIP WHITEHEAD CLAIBORNE, Executor.

JANUARY 8, 1767:

To be Sold according to the Will of CAPT. HENRY THACKER, deceased, a valuable Tract of Land in King William County. For terms apply to MRS. MARY ELIZABETH THACKER, executrix, in Middlesex County, or to COL. WILLIAM ALLEN in Surry Co.

King William, June 29, 1766.

I shall leave the Colony in a few Weeks.

WILLIAM MACON.

JUNE 21, 1768:

Ran away from COL. PHILIP ROOTES's in King & Queen county a Negro Man named Harry belonging to the Subscriber. He is supposed to be lurking about the neighborhood of MR. DAVID PANNELL's in King William.

ROGER DIXON.

AUGUST 29, 1766:

To be Sold, a valuable Tract²⁴ of Land on Mattaponi River about five miles above King William court-house whereon the Subscriber now lives, containing upwards of 1,400 acres of fee, and 300 acres of leased Land adjoining. The land is very good and has very fine wild oat marshes on the River. There are upon the land a very good Dwelling House, and all con-

venient outhouses, in very good order, an extraordinarily fine apple orchard, consisting of Hughes' crabs, pearmains, latter russetings, and all other fruits, a very good peach orchard, a well accustomed grist mill, which stands convenient to the river, so that vessels can come to the landing and deliver grain, or receive meal with convenience. . . . HARRY GAINES.

²⁴ Dr. Malcolm H. Harris, a careful student of the county's past, says that this land was later purchased by John Roane. However, it was only a part of the Roane acreage, for in 1782 John Roane is charged in the first land tax list with 2,288 acres, 1,000 acres of which he gave to his son, John Roane, Jr. in 1787. Also included in the Roane tract were the farms now known as Roanoke and North Point. The deeds have, of course, been lost.

OCTOBER 24, 1766:

To be Sold for Ready Money, the Tract of Land whereon the Subscriber lives in King William County containing about 700 Acres. . . . It is within eight miles of Page's Warehouse where Tobacco is sold for the best prices, convenient to Churches and Schools, and the Buildings thereon are two Dwelling-houses, kitchen, storehouse, dairy and meat house, two Negro Quarters, Barn, Tobacco-house, Cornhouse, &c. . . . Also another Tract containing 100 Acres of good high land, lying on the Dorrel Swamp in King William. . . .

WILLIAM SPILLER.

NOVEMBER 6, 1766:

To be Sold pursuant to the Will of MR. ANDERSON STITH,²⁵ deceased, . . . 1,000 Acres lying on the rivers Dan and Hyco in Halifax County; another Tract in the same county . . . and the reversion after one life in 572 Acres on Mahixon Swamp in King William County now in the Possession of MR. WILLIAM COWNE. . . . Apply to COL. BENJAMIN HARRISON in Charles City, MR. PETER LYONS in Hanover, or to the Subscriber in King William county. . . . JOANNA STITH.

²⁵ Anderson Stith was son of Lieutenant-Colonel John Stith of Charles City County and his wife, Elizabeth, daughter of the Reverend

Charles Anderson, rector of Westover Parish. Anderson Stith died in 1768. His wife was Joanna Bassett. An exhaustive history of the Stith family has been published in the *William and Mary Quarterly*, First Series, Vol. XXI.

DECEMBER 4, 1766:

A Box of Hats was some time past delivered to one of my carters by mistake from either Todd's or Aylett's Warehouse, marked W. C. in a diamond, which the owner may have of me by paying the price of this Advertisement. JOHN BAYLOR.

JANUARY 1, 1767:

To be Sold . . . 3,000 acres in King William county, 2,000 of which lie on the River Mattapony about 8 miles above West Point and about 4 miles from Claiborne's ferry. There are two handsome seats on the said 2,000 acres, the one on which the Subscriber lives has a very fine and genteel brick house, two stories high with four rooms above and four below with a fireplace to each room, a large passage, four fine cellars and cellar passage. . . . The situation and prospect very pleasant and great plenty of fish and wild fowl. . . .

THOMAS MOORE.²⁶

²⁶ Thomas Moore was a son of Augustine Moore of "Chelsea." He married Joanna ——— and died, so far as is known, without descendants.

FEBRUARY 5, 1767:

Any person who wants Plank or Scantling for houses may be supplied by applying to Mr. Herndon at Mr. Wormeley's quarter on Pamunkey River.

To be Sold . . . before the Door of the Raleigh Tavern in Williamsburg, 800 acres of good level land in King William County about 3 miles above Claiborne's Ferry . . . formerly belonging to MR. THOMAS KNOX. Apply to

JERMAN BAKER²⁷

WILLIAM BIRS

²⁷ "Jerman Baker, who was first a merchant in Petersburg, or Bland-

ford, became afterwards a distinguished lawyer. Though his name has now been almost forgotten, he was in the last decades of the eighteenth century one of the leaders of the Virginia bar." (*Virginia Mag. of Hist. and Biog.*, Volume XXIII; p. 364.)

FEBRUARY 12, 1767:

Strayed or stolen from CAPTAIN OWEN GWATHMEY'S²⁸ in King William county near Aylett's a bay horse with a star in her forehead.

JOHN KING.

²⁸ The foregoing undoubtedly has reference to the two farms now known as "Burlington" and "The Meadow," possibly including originally a part of "Cownes." As we have previously stated these places were part of the 5,000-acre patent to Lewis Burwell of York County in 1699. Also included in this patent, which extended southwardly to Herring Creek, were the farms now known as "Vermont," "Frenchtown," "Wakefield," and "Retreat." The second Lewis Burwell, as we have seen, after building his fine house at "Kingsmill" in James City County, obtained permission to dock the entail on his somewhat isolated King William lands. "Vermont," sold to my great-grandfather, Walker Hawes, in 1802, was the last portion to pass out of the Burwell family. There was an old tradition that the name "Burlington" was originally "Burwellton." At the time of this advertisement it was probably only a "quarter" farm, with John King as manager, or overseer.

A LIST OF LETTERS IN THE POST OFFICE AT NEWCASTLE.

George Rootes, Mattapony River
 Col. Thomas Moore, Virginia
 Richard Chapman, Hanover
 Robert Elliott, King William
 Mrs. Lucy Booth, Hanover
 Philemon Woodward, Virginia
 Capt. John Lawrence, Hanover
 Doctor William Ellice, at Col.
 Thomas Moore's, King William
 Alexander Glass Strachan, at Doctor
 Strachan's, King William
 Robert Hester, Louisa
 John Lipscomb, King William
 Doctor Strachan, King William County, Va.

William Roane, Virginia

John Johnson, Weaver, at Col. Bernard Moore's, Virginia

James Foster, King William

Thomas King, King William

Captain Richard Meaux, New Kent

March 12, 1767.

King William, April 29, 1767.

Ran away from the Subscriber a mulatto Servant named
David Gratenread.

RICHARD KING.

JUNE 18, 1767:

Lately imported by the Subscriber in King William county
a Genteel Assortment of printed Calicoes, Cottons, and Hol-
lands to the amount of eleven hundred pounds sterling, which
are to be disposed of, wholesale or retail.

WILLIAM DANDRIDGE.

SAME DATE:

Taken up in King William county a black steer marked with
a crop, &c. . . .

REUBEN SIZER.

AUGUST 27, 1767:

To be Sold at King William Court on Thursday the 17th of
September next, 274 Acres of good land within four miles of
the courthouse with improvements, . . .

JOHN RUSSELL.

N. B. I have a well situated house suitable for an ordinary
about five miles above King William courthouse on the main
road to rent for a term of years.

AUGUST 25, 1767:

To be sold by virtue of a deed of trust made by MAJOR
HARRY GAINES to the administrators of JOHN ROBINSON,
Esq., deceased, at King William court house on Thursday the
17th of December next, a very valuable Tract of Land where-
on the said MAJOR HARRY GAINES lately lived. . . .

JANUARY 21, 1768:

Taken up in King William a red steer with an underkeel in the right and a crop in the left ear.

ALEXANDER WHITE.²⁹

²⁹ The Reverend Alexander White was minister of St. David's Parish 1754-1775. He died in 1775. He married Elizabeth, daughter of John Camm of King and Queen County. They had only one child, John White, who lived at "White Hall," in King and Queen County, a beautiful old house which still stands on the Mattapony River, about two miles above Walkerton. John White married, December 11, 1779, Judith Braxton, daughter of Carter Braxton, Sr. Their daughter, Mary Page White was the first wife of Honorable Andrew Stevenson, United States Ambassador to the Court of St. James when Queen Victoria was crowned. He is said to have introduced the Albemarle pippen to the Queen, who ever after preferred this to all varieties of apple. Mrs. Judith Braxton White later lived at a place in King William County which she called "White Plains." It was on the Pamunkey River.

JANUARY 21, 1768:

To be Sold A Tract of Land lying in King-William county pleasantly situated on Mattapony River whereon COL. THOMAS MOORE now lives, containing 500 acres to which is added about 4 or 5 of marsh which produces good hay, and is capable of great improvement; on the Plantation is a commodious brick House, two stories high, four rooms on a floor, two of them with large Passage, is handsomely wainscotted, four large Cellars and cellar Passages, the partitions are bricked to the top. There is also on the said Plantation an Orchard of about 2 or 300 bearing crab Trees, with a large Garden in good order. The land is good, either for grain or Tobacco, and well timbered. A vessel of 250 tons burthen may land opposite the house. It is a very convenient Situation for carrying on a West India trade, lying in the heart of a grain country. . . .

GEORGE THOMAS

JOHN SMITH

JANUARY 21, 1768:

To be Sold, on Tuesday the 22nd of March next if fair, at the late Dwelling Plantation of MR. ANDERSON STITH, de-

ceased, lying in King-William county on Pamunkey River about three miles above Page's warehouse, 25 choice picked Slaves, being the Remainder of the Slaves belonging to MR. STITH's estate, . . .

JOANNA STITH.

The Subscriber begs to inform the Public that he now keeps the Tavern at King William courthouse, where all Gentlemen, travellers, and others may depend on being well entertained. . .

HOLT RICHESON.

King William, March 23, 1769

Taken up a dark bay horse
That for his age seems something worse,
He hath no brand for to be seen
If branded he hath ever been.
The end is cut off his left ear,
And he is about four feet six inches clear.
He hath been appraised to five pounds,
The owner may have him for five half crowns.

AMBROSE LIPSCOMB, JR.

MAY 26, 1768:

As I contracted debts before I arrived to the age of 21 years and now find it impossible to discharge them . . . I have fallen on the most ready method, . . . I have docked the Entail of a part of the valuable Tract of Land in Hanover County . . . to be sold this fall by Trustees appointed by our Assembly and the Money arising from the sale . . . to be laid out in Slaves, and the Slaves annexed to the other part of the above mentioned tract of land; the slaves I then propose to make over to CARTER BRAXTON of King William county, Esquire, that the annual profits may be applied to the discharge of all my debts, . . . I did not know before I came of age that any part of my Estate was entailed, . . .

JOHN AYLETT.³⁰

³⁰ He was the son of Philip and Martha Dandridge Aylett, and married Elizabeth Dandridge, a younger sister of Mrs. Martha Wash-



—Courtesy the *William and Mary Quarterly*.

CHELSEA, King William County



—Courtesy the *William and Mary Quarterly*.

BRIGHTON. Near Aylett, King William County

ington, and daughter of John Dandridge of New Kent. She married secondly, Leonard Henley. Her two children by this first marriage died in infancy. (*William and Mary Quarterly*, First Series, V; 34.)

JUNE 30, 1768:

To be Sold at King William courthouse on the 15th of September next 623½ acres of rich tobacco land, near 300 acres of lowgrounds. The said land lies on the north side of the south fork of Pamunkey river in the county of Hanover about 25 miles from Page's and Shockoe's warehouses and is part of a tract of land formerly advertised for sale by the Subscriber. . . . For terms apply to Messrs CARTER BRAXTON and WILLIAM AYLETT in King William County, or to BARTHOLOMEW DANDRIDGE, Esq. and to the Subscriber in New Kent Co. . . .

JOHN AYLETT.

King William, April 28, 1768.

The Subscriber intends for Scotland early next June.

ROBERT CAMPBELL.

King William, May 14, 1768.

I intend to England with Captain Cawsey.

WILLIAM SETON.

King-William, December 22, 1768.

A vessel of about 150 tons, upon freight or charter, for the West Indies. For terms apply to

JOHN G. FRAZER

AUGUST 11, 1768:

Ran away from the Subscriber on the 10th of last June, a Negro fellow called Cajah, of a yellow complexion and a downcast look, . . .

CARTER BRAXTON.

King-William, September 19, 1768

To be Sold on Tuesday the 18th Day of next month, . . . at the Plantation of MR. JAMES MACON,³¹ deceased, in King-William county, several valuable Slaves, a large stock of

horses, cattle, sheep and hogs, quantity of wheat, oats, corn and pease. . . . Also will be sold at King-William courthouse on Thursday the 14th day of November next a tract of valuable land in King-William county near Ayletts warehouse, situated on the road to Newcastle, containing about 700 acres (adjoining a large tract whereon the Subscriber now lives).

WILLIAM AYLETT.

³¹ James Macon was son of Gideon and Martha (Woodward) Macon, and was born in New Kent County, October 28, 1701. He married Elizabeth, the eldest daughter of Augustine Moore of "Chel-sea." His two daughters, Elizabeth and Mary, married, respectively, Bartholomew Dandridge, and William Aylett. Mrs. Mary Macon Aylett, married, secondly Major Callowhill Minnis (old legal paper).

Hanover, September 8, 1768.

Notice is hereby given that commissioners are appointed by the county courts of Hanover and King William to let the clearing of Pamunkey River from Page's warehouse to Newcastle, and that they meet for that purpose at Hanover Town on Monday. . . .

SEPTEMBER 15, 1768:

To be rented for one year or leased for a term of years, the noted ordinary formerly kept by James Mills, deceased, in King William which is as publicly situated as any ordinary whatever where all travelers to Williamsburg . . . go by the door. . . .

ROGER GREGORY.

NOVEMBER 17, 1768:

To be Sold at public auction at King William courthouse a tract of land containing about 500 acres, with a good Dwelling-house, 2 rooms on a floor, brick chimneys and cellar, kitchen, quarter, . . . was the property of the late MR. WILLIAM NEALE, deceased, and whereon he formerly lived. It is conveniently situated, being about 3 or 4 miles from Mattapony and Pamunkey rivers. . . .

GEORGE BROOKE.

DECEMBER 1, 1768:

BERNARD MOORE arranges a scheme of lottery for disposing of lands and slaves. In the long list of property to be sold are included the following tracts: The forge³² and grist mill, with 1,800 acres of land adjoining near Todd's warehouse in King & Queen county, previously advertised for sale, May 7, 1767; 550 acres in King William on Pamunkey river called Gouch's, part of 1,686 acres purchased of William Clayborne, deceased; another tract of 550 acres lying below this on the Pamunkey; another of 586 acres in King William; 6,500 acres in Caroline county; 812 acres in Spotsylvania; and about fifty slaves. The managers to be: John Randolph, John Baylor, George Washington, Fielding Lewis, Archibald Cary, Carter Braxton, Benjamin Harrison, Ralph Wormeley, Richard Coutts, Neil Jameson, Alexander Donald, David Jameson and John Madison.

³² This tract of land, lying between the Mattapony River and the present main highway in King and Queen County, and just above the site of old Dunkirk (now entirely abandoned) is still known locally as "The Forge." It became later the property of Thomas Roane of "Newington," who devised it to his son, Thomas, who was known as "Tom Roane of The Forge." Tom Roane died at "The Forge" in 1808 while a member of the Virginia Senate. His widow and son later purchased a home in King William known as "Dunluce."

King William, November 15, 1768

To be Sold cheap, and delivered at my Landing on Mattapony river, a quantity of white oak and pine Scantling, suitable for building large houses; also Flooring, bastard abd Feather edge Plank, well seasoned.

JOSEPH HILLIARD.³³

³³ Joseph Hilliard had purchased the upper portion of the large Burwell grant in King William, probably about this time. This portion of these lands is still called, as it was then, "French Town." In King William Deed Book No. 3, page 264, there is a deed, dated March 10, 1783, from Joseph Hilliard, Sr. to Joseph Hilliard, Jr. conveying 397 acres of land, "*known by the name of the French Town bought by the said Joseph Hilliard, Sr. of Nathaniel Burwell, deceased.*" There is a suggestion that the strange name of this farm was derived from the possibility of there having at one time been an attempt to settle French

Huguenot refugees in this remote section. From the *Calendar of Virginia State Papers*, Volume I, we quote the following:

"King William County, May 9, 1752

"I do hereby certify that Martin Slaughter of this county brought before me four runaway Slaves named, James, Roger, Guy and Sampson, belonging to Mr. Lewis Burwell of York county, which said Slaves he took up att his own Plantation in this county which pr: my Judgment is above fforty miles from ye ffrench town, ye place where ye said Slaves were kept. . . ."

(Not Signed)

I have no knowledge as to the forebears of Joseph Hilliard, and the deed by which he acquired the plantation known as *The French Town*, as it is denominated in existing early deeds, has been destroyed. He left many descendants, some of whom are still residing in King William and adjacent counties.

King William, January 19, 1769.

I intend to leave the Colony soon.

JAMES OGILVIE.

Ran away from the Subscriber in King William county near Aylett's warehouse, a Scotch servant lad named Humphrey Taylor.

JOHN CATLETT.³⁴

³⁴ John Catlett had two sons, Benjamin and Thomas, who married two Gwathmey sisters, Mary and Ann, sisters of Major Joseph Gwathmey of "Burlington."

MAY 11, 1769:

To be Sold, . . . pursuant to the will of JEFFREY PALMER, DECEASED, of King William, a tract of land and marsh where the said PALMER lived on Mattapony River, adjoining the manor of COL. BERNARD MOORE, containing 400 acres. . . .

THOMAS CLAIBORNE

WILLIAM DANDRIDGE

AUGUST 17, 1769:

We shall be glad to treat with such Persons as may be inclined to purchase any of the Lands the late Treasurer, JOHN ROBINSON, Esq., died possessed of . . . and we shall certainly

sell this fall the vluable and well accustomed Ordinary on the main road from Williamsburg to Ruffin's (late Claiborne's) ferry now in the occupation of MR. THOMAS DONCASTLE. . . .

EDMUND PENDLETON
PETER LYONS.

SEPTEMBER 7, 1769:

To be Sold, . . . at King William courthouse, the brig, *Rebecca*, with her rigging, cables and anchors, Burthen about 100; her frame is of the best mulberry; the brig lies in Pamunkey River opposite the house of the late MR. E. P. CHAMBERLAYNE in New Kent.

Upper Marlborough, Sept. 24, 1769.

All Persons having demands against the Estate of the late E. P. CHAMBERLAYNE,³⁵ are desired to make them known immediately to

REBECCA CHAMBERLAYNE
P. W. CLAIBORNE
R. S. TAYLOR, Executors.

³⁵ Edward Pye Chamberlayne was a son of William and Elizabeth (Littlepage) Chamberlayne of New Kent County. He was a brother of Thomas Chamberlayne of "Eglington," King William County. Edward Pye Chamberlayne was born, according to the Parish Register of St. Peter's, January 10, 1725/26.

DECEMBER 14, 1769:

In order to pay the Subscriber's debts will be sold at King William Court House the 19th of January next a Tract of Land in the County of King William within a mile of Mr. Ruffin's ferry containing 2,000 acres. . . .

THOMAS CLAIBORNE.

FEBRUARY 13, 1770:

To be Sold, . . . the Plantation whereon the Subscriber now lives in King William county, six miles above Aylett's

warehouse, containing 860 acres . . . whereon is a Dwelling House, . . . and a fine apple and peach orchard. . . .

JEFFREY GRISLEY.³⁶

³⁶ Jeffrey Grisley married a daughter of Harry Gaines, who in his will, dated October 31, 1766, names wife, Martha, sons, William Fleming and Harry Gaines, and daughters, Elizabeth Clayton, *Mary Grisley* and Catherine Gaines. Harry Gaines married Martha Fleming, a granddaughter of William Fleming of Hanover and daughter of Captain Robert Fleming who predeceased his father. Jeffrey Grisley and his wife, Mary, on April 13, 1770, sold to Syme & Pearson 833 acres in St. David's Parish. (King William deeds.)

FEBRUARY 13, 1770:

To be Sold, . . . a Tract of Land lying on the head of Grassy Creek in the county of Halifax, containing 2,000 acres, which belonged to MAJOR HARRY GAINES of King William, deceased. . . .

APRIL 19, 1770:

Just arrived in the *Greenvale* a Parcel of indented Servants among whom are some valuable Tradesmen, Viz: Weavers, a Cabinet Maker, Harness Makers, and some Farmers; the sale of which will commence on Friday the 20th instant on board the ship at Ruffin's Ferry, and continue until all are sold, . . .

DAVID COCHRAN.

To be Sold a Tract of Land in King William by the name of GOUGE's, adjoining the land where COL. BERNARD MOORE formerly lived, . . .

JEFFREY GRISLEY.

MAY 14, 1770:

The brigantine, *Friendship*, William Macon, Master, belonging to MR. ROGER GREGORY of King William, on the 21st of March last was wrecked in Peniche Bay on the coast of Portugal.

MAY 24, 1770:

To be Sold at West Point by the Trustees of COL. THOMAS

MOORE on Monday the 11th of June, all that gentleman's estate, . . . Also a Tract of Land the said Moore has his life in on the Mattapony River, . . .

JUNE 7, 1770:

Now lying in Mattapony River opposite to the HON. RICHARD CORBIN's, the *Friendship*, THOMAS LILLY, commander, which will take in tobacco, . . . There are good accommodations for Passengers for London, . . .

King William, June 1, 1770.

I intend for Great Britain the beginning of next month.

JEFFREY GRISLEY.

Newcastle, June 10, 1770.

The Land whereon MR. JEFFREY GRISLEY lately lived in King William and which formerly belonged to MR. BENJAMIN ELLIOTT, will be sold next July King William Court to the highest bidder, . . .

SYME & PEARSON.

JULY 19, 1770:

For Liverpool. Now lying in Pamunkey River at Holt's Landing a little below COL. RUFFIN's ferry, the ship *Totness*, John Hudson, Commander, will take in Tobacco, . . .

SEPTEMBER 6, 1770:

On the 24th instant a house in King William county was struck by lightning and very much damaged; the nails where the lightning entered, and a pair of steelyards that hung hard by, were melted. One person was killed, two more were burned so that no hopes remain of their living, and three were knocked down.

West Point, Sept. 15, 1770.

The partnership between Frazer & Tremlett being now dissolved, all persons indebted thereto, . . . are requested to come forward, . . .

JOHN G. FRAZER

RICHARD TREMLETT.

OCTOBER 4, 1770:

On Tuesday the 16th will be sold at vendue at COL. RUFFIN's Ordinary in King William county, . . . a Parcel of Irish Linens of different quality, white and brown Sheetings, Green and blue plains, Oznabrgs, Dutch blanketing, Hempen Rolls, green and blue half-thicks, grey fearnoughts, yarn and plaid Stockings, broad hoes, broad axes, . . . all lately imported from England.

WILLIAM GOOSLEY.

N. B. I have a quantity of West India rum for sale.

NOVEMBER 1, 1770:

Just imported a Large and fresh Assortment of Goods suitable to the Season; to be sold at Aylett's Warehouse.

JAMES GOVAN.

NOVEMBER 8, 1770:

To be Sold pursuant to the last Will and Testament of EDWARD PYE CHAMBERLAYNE, deceased, at Buckingham courthouse a Tract of Land in the said County adjoining the land of CAPTAIN RICHARD CHAMBERLAYNE, containing 800 acres, . . .

REBECCA CHAMBERLAYNE

PHILIP W. CLAIBORNE

RICHARD S. TAYLOR, Executors.

NOVEMBER 8, 1770:

To be Sold at Public Auction for the Benefit of the Ensurers at PORT ROYAL sundry woollen Goods imported in the *Lord Clive*, Duncan Murray, Master.

JAMES BOWIE, JR.

Aylett's, October 15, 1770.

Whereas Messrs Murdock, Donald & Company of Glasgow have discontinued their trade at this place, I hereby give notice to all those who have open accounts on my Books to come and settle their accounts. . . .

ARCHIBALD GOVAN.³⁷

³⁷ Archibald Govan, son of James Govan, was a Tory and returned to England during hostilities.

JANUARY 10, 1771:

To be Sold to the highest bidder on Thursday the 21st of January, 1771, at the home of COL. BERNARD MOORE (i. e. "Chelsea") in King William county, 1,000 acres of land . . . lying on the Mattaponi River . . . being the land whereon the said Col. Moore lives. . . . Also the fee simple estate in 1,125 acres of exceedingly fine, well-timbered land lying in the said county on Pamunkey River below Ruffin's ferry where Col. Moore formerly lived. . . . All the personal estate belonging to Col. Moore, . . . and the remainder of Col. Moore's slaves, being about 100. . . . The above estate has been conveyed to the Subscribers as Trustees for the purpose of paying Col. Moore's debts, . . .

CARTER BRAXTON
GEORGE WEBB
THOMAS WALKER

THOMAS JEFFERSON
JACK POWER,
Trustees.

JANUARY 17, 1771:

To be Sold on the second Wednesday in March, being the day before Caroline Court, at COL BERNARD MOORE's plantation in Caroline County, stocks of cattle, hogs, corn, fodder, . . . On the next day, being Court Day, will be sold 370 acres of well timbered land with a good Dwelling House thereon, . . . MR. SAMUEL REDD will represent the Trustees.

FEBRUARY 7, 1771:

Ran away from the Subscriber an Indented Servant Man named William Read; speaks the West Country dialect pretty broad; he is a Farmer and understands the Making and Laying of Bricks. Whoever delivers him to me at West Point in King William County, shall have reward. JOHN WEST.

West Point, February 10, 1771

Any Gentlemen that want to go Passengers to London may have a good Opportunity of going in the ship, *Middleton*, at West Point, a very fine, large, commodious vessel, . . .

HENRY CLARK, Commander.

FEBRUARY 28, 1771:

As I have declined my Practice as a Physician in the County of King William and intend settling in the Town of Blandford, I think it necessary to give Notice, . . . Payments to be made to MR. WILLIAM LEWIS of the above County whom I have appointed my Attorney. ALEXANDER GLASS STRACHAN.

MARCH 14, 1771:

We hear from King William County that the Dwelling House of MRS. LANGBURNE in that County was burnt down a short time ago, and that the overseer's House shared the same fate four or five days later. It is suspected they were wilfully set afire.

JULY 4, 1771:

To be Sold at King William Courthouse on Monday the 12th of August next, being Court Day, under a Deed of Trust from MR. WILLIAM HAMLIN, lately deceased, one moiety, or half part, of 1,000 Acres of Land, with a Forge and a Water Grist Mill lying in King & Queen County, which said lands were drawn as a prize in COL. BERNARD MOORE's lottery by the said HAMLIN and PHILIP PARR EDMUNDSON, Gents.

THOMAS BLAND
JOHN RUFFIN, JR.

AUGUST 1, 1771:

Wanted a discreet Person capable of teaching Latin, Arithmetic, . . . Any such applying to the Subscriber near Aylett's warehouse in King William County, . . .

WILLIAM COWNE.³⁸

³⁸ "William Cowne, Gent. came into this court and made oath that he came into this colony from Great Britain in the year 1733." (Caroline County Order Book, 1755-1758; page 31.)

On August 30, 1763, William Cowne patented 100 acres of escheated land "lying above the upper Herring Creek, on the south side of Mattaponi River, of which *John Ceasar* the Younger, late of the said County of King William died seized, and possessed." (Patent Book



—Courtesy the *William and Mary Quarterly*.

DUNCAN HOME. Aylett's P. O., King William County



—Courtesy the *William and Mary Quarterly*.

DUNCAN HOME, King William County

No. 35; page 397.) This was a part of the farm now known as "Cownes," (pronounced "Koons") which was a part of the Burwell patent of 1699. It passed through many hands, but about 1850 was purchased by Major Beverley Browne Douglas of New Kent County, who built the present house. It was long the home of his daughters, Mrs. Bessie Moncure and Mrs. Mary Ellen Weathers. It is now the home of his great-granddaughter, Mrs. William Woolford. Major Douglas represented his district in Congress for a number of years. He married Eliza Pollard, daughter of Robert Pollard, for many years clerk of the county, and his wife, Evelyn Byrd Chamberlayne, a granddaughter of William Byrd of Westover. Major Douglas was one of the most brilliant men our county has ever produced. Today his great-grandson is our Commonwealth's Attorney.

Ran away from the Subscriber in King William County a little above West Point, an apprentice named James Curtis. . . .

WILLIAM ROW.

King William, August 5, 1771.

I beg to inform my clients as well as the Public in General that I shall again attend Louisa County Court to practice the Law, . . .

HARRY ROBINSON.³⁹

³⁹ Mr. Robinson died the following October as almost the next item shows. (See Deaths.) According to my notes on the Robinson family he was a son of William Robinson and his wife, Agatha, daughter of Harry Beverley. He was a nephew of John Robinson, Speaker of the House of Burgesses.

King William, September 10, 1771.

The Subscriber, who intends for Scotland next Spring, will sell to the highest bidder, . . . 250 Acres of Land. . . .

ROBERT CAMPBELL.

Bedford, New London, September 18, 1771.

I think it necessary to inform the Publick that I practice Law in the Counties of Botetourt, Pittsylvania, Bedford and Amherst. Those who choose to favor me with their business may depend on having it transacted with Care and Punctuality and a Remittance to the General Court, from which any Com-

mands will be forwarded to me by MR. PETER LYONS or MR. PHILIP WHITEHEAD CLAIBORNE. I likewise make known my being appointed Escheator of the Counties of Amherst, Louisa and Albemarle in the room of BARTHOLOMEW DANDRIDGE, ESQ.

JOHN AYLETT.

OCTOBER 17, 1771:

To be Sold on Monday the 18th of November, . . . at the Plantation of MR. JOHN RUSSELL, deceased, in King William County all the Estate of the said RUSSELL consisting of 14 Virginia born Slaves (one of whom is a valuable young Carpenter) stocks of all kinds, . . . household and kitchen furniture, &c. . . . Also about 400 acres of Land beautifully situated on Mattapony River whereon is an exceedingly good Dwelling House, all convenient outhouses, . . .

WILLIAM AYLETT

JAMES RUSSELL, Administrators.

Shooter's Hill, April 6, 1772.

I observe that MR. WILLIAM COWNE of King William County has advertised . . . 1,500 Acres of land in New Kent County for sale . . . as an Executor of CAPTAIN WILLIAM LANGBOURNE, deceased, part of the Land being mortgaged by my Father, MR. JOHN WHITE, to the said Executor . . .

—AUGUSTINE SMITH.

King William, September 17, 1772.

Whereas I purchased a Tract of Land of MR. WILLIAM HICKMAN, son of THOMAS HICKMAN,⁴⁰ for the which he has my bond . . . since which MR. WILLIAM BUCKNER of Orange county has got a decree of Court to have the land sold to satisfy a debt due to the said BUCKNER, I hereby forwarn any Person from taking an assignment of the said Bond, as I will not pay it till the said HICKMAN makes me a good right to the land.

LISTON TEMPLE.

⁴⁰ In 1702 Thomas Hickman patented 1,100 acres "on the branches of the upper Herring Creek in King William county being a corner of

a tract of land laid out for Thomas Nelson, Job Howes and Thomas Bray, beginning at a butterwood tree standing in Perry's Swamp. (Patent Book 9; page 507.) Liston Temple was one of the sons of Joseph Temple of "Presque Isle," and his wife, Ann Arnold. He married Agnes Elliott, and was dead in 1804.

NOVEMBER 26, 1772:

To be Sold on the 3rd Thursday in December at King William courthouse at Public Auction a very valuable Tract of Land known by the Name of TUCKOMON'S⁴¹ and lying a little below RUFFIN'S Ferry on Pamunkey River containing about 650 Acres. Apply to MR. HOLT RICHESON or to MR. WILLIAM CLAIBORNE, who live near. . . .

⁴¹ Tuckoman, or Tuccocomon, was a part of the Claiborne patent. It has been owned by various families associated with the history of King William County, such as the Ruffins, the Dancys, and a man named Ring. Dr. Malcolm Hart Harris of West Point who, perhaps, knows more about the old homes in this part of the county than anybody else, tells me that the old house stood near the Pamunkey River, and that the farm is now owned by Mr. Richards.

NOVEMBER 26, 1772:

Taken up in King William, four head of Cattle, one red and white cow, a red heifer with a white flank, one ditto with a white face and one dark yearling. . . .

BENJAMIN TEMPLE.

On Thursday the 29th of this month will be hired at King William courthouse about 50 negroes belonging to MR. PHILIP JOHNSON. . . .

Taken up in King William a pied cow with a crop and two slits in the right ear and a swallowfork in the left.

THOMAS REDD.

Newcastle, March 11, 1773.

The Subscriber intends for North Britain early in May next.

ROBERT CAMPBELL.

MAY 20, 1773:

Taken up in King William a small bay Mare with a blaze
in her face. . . .

THOMAS BUTLER.

AN ACROSTICK ON MISS ELIZABETH DANDRIDGE
OF KING WILLIAM.

D ecked without Art, with every charm to please
A s bright as glory, yet as mild as ease;
N ot sour when censured, nor when flattered vain;
D iscreet though fair, as truth untaught to feign;
R efin'd in judgment, as in carriage nice;
I n taste polite, and diffident, though wise;
D evoid her mind of Envy's rancorous spite;
G ay, ever cheerful, pleasant, yet not light;
E nvy! Thou'lt own these tints are not too bright.

MAY 8, 1773:

For sale at CAPTAIN LANGBOURNE'S Plantation in King
William, a fashionable Post Chariot, almost new, harness,
&c. . . . likewise an oldfashioned, strong made Chariot and
Harness &c. . . . likewise an old Italian Chair, Horses, &c. . . .
For terms apply to his surviving Executor

WILLIAM COWNE.

JULY 22, 1773:

To be sold on the premises, . . . a Valuable Tract of
Land on the Fork of Herring Creek and Dorrell Swamp⁴² in
King William County, containing 735 acres. It has the advan-
tage of a fine Stream of Water, whereon might be built an
excellent Grist Mill,⁴³ well situated for custom, . . . Apply to
the Subscriber at Aylett's Warehouse. REUBEN TURNER.

⁴² The Dorrell Swamp rises a little way beyond the Caroline County
border and flows in southeasterly direction to empty itself into Herring
Creek a little below the mill. This is the "Upper Herring Creek" of
the old land patents. Its tributary, the Dorrell, acquired its name in
the following manner:

The earliest patent for land unmistakably in this locality was one for 20,000 acres taken out in 1673 by Philip Ludwell, Tobias Handford and Richard Whitehead. This was obviously a piece of favoritism on the part of Governor Berkeley. Philip Ludwell, it will be remembered, was the governor's private secretary, and afterwards married his widow.

This huge tract was probably never "seated," for after the bars to general settlement in the county were let down in 1699 it was subdivided and regranted in tracts of approximately 5,000 acres each. The patent to Lewis Burwell, already mentioned, was one of these. Adjoining it was one to one Sampson Darrell who became entitled to it "by right of his intermarriage with Elizabeth Handford, daughter of the aforesaid Tobias Handford." The little tawny, freshwater stream known to us as "The Dorrell Swamp," flowed through, or bounded this tract which was regranted to Sampson Darrell. In many of the early deeds and patents it is denominated Darrell's Swamp, the possessive being unmistakable.

This may be as good a place as any to explain to the uninitiated that the word, "swamp," in our part of the country does not always mean a boggy, undrained tract of land, sodden with water and overgrown with long grass and dense shrubbery. It is often used in that sense, certainly, but quite as often it is used to designate what the New Englanders would call a brook. In my childhood the latter word was never heard save when one quoted poetry. A "brook" was just a figure of speech to be associated with "reluctant feet," and similar abstractions. A "swamp," on the other hand was a very definite thing with a personality all its own, wherein unreluctant feet could wade with great satisfaction on hot summer days! How delightful were these "swamps" of our childhood! Their banks clothed with ferns, or carpeted with soft green moss and twinberry vines with the little red berries peeping through the round, green leaves! How white the round pebbles beneath the rippling water where dainty minnows darted away when we tried to catch them in our hands! Here were also arbutus, hepatica, blood-root, Solomon's seal and other delightful things in their seasons.

⁴³ Dublin Mill was built here a few years later by Richard Dabney who long owned and operated it. The old mill, a landmark for three generations, still stands but in a ruinous condition.

SEPTEMBER 2, 1773:

Taken out of my pasture near Todd's Bridge, . . . a sorrel Horse. . . .

JOHN CATLETT.

To be Sold on Monday the 14th of June next (1773) pursuant to a Decree of King William county court, to satisfy a debt from Thomas Adams to the Estate of JOHN RUSSELL, deceased, a valuable Tract of Land containing 200 acres about six Miles above King William courthouse whereon is a Dwelling House, &c. . . . This is the place called the Burnt Ordinary and where the Sale will be. Also 200 acres adjoining the aforesaid, and 50 acres whereon the said ADAMS formerly lived about 4 miles above the courthouse.

CARTER BRAXTON
JOHN QUARLES
ARCHIBALD GOVAN
WILLIAM AYLETT
JAMES Q. RUSSELL, Trustees.

MAY 6, 1773:

The Trustees appointed to treat with Persons for clearing Mattapony River above TODD'S BRIDGE⁴⁴ will meet for that purpose at Aylett's Warehouse on Wednesday the 17th of May. Those inclined to undertake the work are desired to view the river before that day that they may be better able to judge of the reward as the strictest punctuality will be expected.

⁴⁴ Todd's Bridge and Ordinary were about a mile above Aylett's Warehouse, the ordinary being on the King William side. On the King and Queen side the old road through the former Todd plantation (still known as "Toddsbury") can still be traced in the deep woods bordering the river, running straight down to the water's edge, the deep ditches on either side still plainly to be seen. This remnant of an old road was once traveled by General Washington on his way to Williamsburg. It is about a mile above the site of old Dunkirk, and this writer has walked upon it.

SEPTEMBER 20, 1773:

Notice is hereby given that the Commissioners appointed by the Courts of King & Queen and King William counties to let the Clearing of Mattapony River from TODD'S BRIDGE downwards as far as may be thought necessary will attend for that

purpose at Aylett's Warehouse on Wednesday 13th of October at 10 o'clock.

OCTOBER 21, 1773:

The Subscriber of King William County intends to leave the Colony for a few Months.

HOLT RICHESON.

The Subscriber in King William County has on hand a quantity of good Madeira wines, both of London and New York quality, which he will dispose of on reasonable terms.

BENNETT CRAFTON.

NOVEMBER 18, 1773:

This is to inform those whom it may concern that all the Estate of COL. JAMES QUARLES, late of King William, deceased, in the hands of COL. JOHN QUARLES, and his other legatees, are held by them under the express conditions of its being at all times liable for his the said JAMES QUARLES' engagements of which there are many yet unsettled; therefore any sale, mortgage or conveyance of any kind made or done, . . . will be invalid until all engagements are satisfied.

WILLIAM AYLETT, Executor.

OCTOBER 14, 1773:

To be Sold under the Will of MR. JOHN SMITH of King William at his late Plantation . . . livestock, &c. . . and also a valuable Tract of Land in Henrico County known by the Name of PICKENOCKY on the Brook Swamp about four miles from Richmond.

WILLIAM ANDERSON, Executor of
of John Smith, &c. . . .

On October 21, 1773, JOSEPH HILLIARD advertises for a runaway slave.

On December 2, 1773, "Sweet Hall" is offered for sale by ROBERT RUFFIN, under deed of Trust held by ROGER GREGORY. It is described as containing 400 acres of high land and "several hundred acres of valuable marsh."

Bedford, December 1, 1773.

All Persons indebted to the Estate of JEFFERY GRISLEY, late of King William County, deceased, are desired to make immediate payment to MR. GUTRIDGE (GOODRICH) CRUMP,...

JOHN HOOK, Administrator.

DECEMBER 2, 1773:

To be Sold on the Premises . . . the very profitable Ordinary belonging to the Subscriber at King William courthouse, with 600 acres of very good land adjoining . . .

JOHN QUARLES.

JUNE 2, 1774:

Strayed away from the Subscriber at King William courthouse on the 24th of April last a mealey-colored Horse.

JAMES MASTIN

King William, July 10, 1774.

The Sale of the deceased COL. JAMES QUARLES' negroes that were advertised, . . . has been postponed.

GOODRICH CRUMP.

JUNE 28, 1774:

Taken up in King William near Aylett's Warehouse a small, gray mare. . . .

WILLIAM COWNE, JR.

JUNE 25, 1774:

A correspondent writes: "on the 26th of this instant came on the election of burgesses for the County of King William, when COL. CARTER BRAXTON, and COL. WILLIAM AYLETT, with an almost equal number of votes, were elected by a great majority. The people to show their approbation of the conduct of their late representatives (one of whom declined to serve again) provided a genteel entertainment for the candidates, not permitting them to be at any expense: an example worthy of imitation, . . .



—Courtesy the *William and Mary Quarterly*.

DUBLIN MILL, King William County



—Courtesy The Virginia State Chamber of Commerce.

SWEET HALL, King William County

DECEMBER 8, 1774:

Forty Shillings Reward for taking and delivering to the Subscriber, Cæsar, a remarkably likely Virginia-born Negro Man about 22 or 25 years of age. . . . Had on, and took with him, when he went away, a dark Virginia Cloth Coat, with an underjacket of Fearnought, 3 or 4 brown linen shirts, crimson cloth Breeches, and rolls Trousers, blue Yarn Stockings, a pair of Shoes, &c. . . . As I lately purchased him of MR. HOLT RICHESON of King William, I have some suspicion he may have gone that way. . . .

WILLIAM DANDRIDGE, JR.⁴⁵

⁴⁵ William Dandridge, Jr. was son of William Dandridge of "Elsing Green." He married his cousin, Agnes, daughter of Captain Francis West. He lived at "Huntingdon," on the Mattaponi River.

King William, January 10, 1775.

Pursuant to the Order of the County Court of King William will be let to the lowest bidder at the courthouse of the said county, . . . the building of one or two Prisons as may be thought necessary. . . .

APRIL 15, 1775:

To be sold, . . . on Thursday the 20th being court day, a Debt due from MR. LISTON TEMPLE to COL. BERNARD MOORE, contracted by Mr. Temple in August 1764. . . . Also will be sold at Fredericksburg May Fair, the reversion of sundry valuable Slaves now in the Possession of MRS. ANN DANSIE who has her life in them.

Under date of July 29, 1775, HARRY GAINES advertises for a stolen mare.

JANUARY 27, 1776:

To be rented, . . . the tavern at Aylett's Warehouse. . . . The very public situation of this place, the great Resort of Company to it, and the Advantages of boarding a number of Merchants, are so well known, that a particular description is unnecessary. The terms may be known by applying to MR.

BENJAMIN TEMPLE near the premises, MR. ROBERT POLLARD, at my store in Aylett's, or the Subscriber in Williamsburg who has for sale in the said City a Quantity of best, superfine, common and middling and Ship-Board Flour; also about 20 Barrels of Tar, and an elegant Assortment of Ladies black, white and green Satin Cardinals and Bonnets.

WILLIAM AYLETT.⁴⁶

⁴⁶ Colonel William Aylett of the Revolution was the oldest son of Philip and Martha (Dandridge) Aylett of "Fairfield." He died at Yorktown in 1780, aged about 38 years. His widow, Mrs. Mary (Macon) Aylett, married secondly Major Callowhill Minnis of York County.

King William, February 12, 1776.

I will leave the Colony immediately.

WILLIAM FAIRLIE.

Aylett's, March 18, 1776.

I intend to leave the Colony immediately.

JOHN M'NAIR.

October 18, 1776:

To be Sold at November Hanover Court a Tract of Land⁴⁷ lying in King William County containing about 626 acres, on which are Waller's Warehouse and ferry. . . . Will be shown by MR. AARON QUARLES, who lives on the premises. Terms of sale . . . by the Executors of JOHN WALLER, Deceased, of Spotsylvania County.

⁴⁷ This was the old Waller homestead, "Enfield," still standing across the Mattaponi from Walkerton.

King & Queen, April 28, 1777.

To be Sold at Aylett's Warehouse, King William County, on the 16th of May, to the highest bidder . . . the Cargo of the Schooner *Fanny*, consisting of Sheeting, White Linen, Brown Sugar, Pepper, Nutmegs, Horn and Ivory Combs,

Penknives, Writing Paper, Pins, Needles, Sewing Silks, Sorted Threads and Gunpowder.

EDWARD HILL
RICHARDS, HALL & Co.

SEPTEMBER 8, 1777:

Strayed from KINGSMILL a black mare, . . . whoever brings the said Mare to LEWIS BURWELL, Esq., at KINGSMILL, or to me in King William, shall have reward.

NATHANIEL BURWELL.

JULY 17, 1778:

For Sale my Estate (called Newington) in King & Queen on Mattapony, containing 2,450 acres of Land which is very valuable, and the Improvements thereon very great. Also a large Tract in King William and one in Hanover near New-castle, called Dixon's lands. . . .

NATHANIEL LITTLETON SAVAGE.

OCTOBER 16, 1778:

For Sale . . . a very valuable Plantation lying in King William county upon Pamunkey River containing 800 or 1,000 acres . . . about two miles from Hanover Town from which town to the said Plantation there is navigation for large flats. Apply to MR. WILLIAM JONES who lives near it, or to the overseer who lives upon it. . . .

THOMAS JONES.

The Subscriber lately from France intends to keep a Dancing School in this City (Williamsburg) and at King William court house. He proposes to teach the Minuet in the neatest and newest Manner and will do everything in his Power to satisfy the Ladies and Gentlemen who employ him. He also proposes to keep a fencing and French School at the above places. Those Gentlemen who choose to favor him with their custom will leave their names with MONSIEUR DUBOIS, near the capital.

JOHN KADOU.

OCTOBER 30, 1779:

To be Sold, . . . on Thursday the 7th of December at the late Dwelling-house of MRS. ANNE BURWELL⁴⁸ of York County many valuable Horses, . . . household and kitchen furniture, &c. . . . Also on Friday the 10th of December will be sold at her late Plantation in King William county. . . .

WALTER JONES

NATHANIEL BURWELL

JOHN BRACKEN, Executors.

⁴⁸ Mrs. Anne Burwell, widow of James Burwell, was a sister of Dr. Walter Jones of the Revolutionary army. Her husband was a son of James and Mary (Armistead) Burwell of York County.

JUNE 9, 1780:

I have for sale a Tract of Land containing 180 acres in King William near *the Pipingtree*; has upon it a good Dwelling-house, 32 by 20 feet, a room below and two above, a brick Chimney, a good Kitchen and two Quarters, with all necessary outhouses. Apply to JAMES ELLETT, living in Amelia County.

APRIL 1, 1780:

There has been at the Subscriber's house in King William for some time past a red steer. . . . Make application to WILLIAM HAYS or to my overseer. . . .

JOHN WHITE.

To be let to the lowest bidder on the premises on Monday the 9th of May next, if fair, otherwise the next fair day, the building of a bridge over the Pamunkey river at Littlepage's.

SEPTEMBER 6, 1780:

For Sale, PUTNEY, the Subscriber's seat on Pamunkey river, 8 miles below New Castle, and formerly the seat of HON. G. WEBB, ESQ. This is one of the finest Plantations in the county (New Kent) and the crop now growing will . . . sufficiently prove it. Webb's Ferry, which has become very valuable since the removal of the seat of government to Richmond, is an-

nexed to the land, with every necessary building fit for a large and genteel family, a fine fishery, and wild fowl in abundance at the door. . . .

WILLIAM CLAIBORNE.

MAY 31, 1780:

Taken up in King William county at the Plantation of the HON. THOMAS NELSON, ESQ. a light bay horse colt. . . .

LEWIS WALDEN.

JULY 12, 1780:

To be Sold on Monday the 17th of July next at Aylett's Warehouse . . . a large quantity of exceedingly good brown sugar, by the barrel, white ditto by the loaf, taffia, rum by the cask, and coffee by the bag. Also allum salt. All belonging to the Estate of COL. WILLIAM AYLETT, deceased. . . .

ROBERT BROOKE

WILLIAM D. CLAIBORNE

THOMAS BUTLER, Executors.

JULY 12, 1780:

The Subscriber being appointed to finish the Business of COL. WILLIAM AYLETT, late deputy Commissary General of Purchases (deceased) requests that all his assistants, and others who have unsettled accounts on his books, will attend at Aylett's Warehouse between the 10th and the last of October, . . .

F. TATE.

NOVEMBER 4, 1780:

To be Sold, or rented for next year, the Plantation of KING WILLIAM COURTHOUSE. For terms apply to Messrs Legarde & Company at the courthouse.

King William, October 8, 1780

I intend to St. Eustatia soon.

ANDREW BELL.

NOVEMBER 10, 1780:

To be Sold at Public Sale . . . the 15th of December next about 810 acres of land lying in King William County about

3 miles from the courthouse and within 6 miles of navigation. . . . Apply to MR. EDWARDS who lives upon it.

NATHANIEL BURWELL.

NOVEMBER 18, 1780:

To be rented for the ensuing year at Hanover Court the 7th of December, an exceeding valuable Plantation in King William county about 2 miles from Hanover Town, belonging to the Estate of MR. JOHN SMITH, deceased. . . .

WILLIAM ANDERSON.

In the issue of November 25th, 1780, LOFTIN NEWMAN of King William advertises for a runaway slave.

King William, March 22, 1797.

For Sale a beautiful seat . . . on Mattaponi River containing 700 acres of tolerable good land. . . . Apply to the Subscriber at Frazer's Ferry.

JOHN FRAZER.

JUNE 8, 1787:

JAMES DABNEY of Louisa county advertises for a horse stolen in King William County.

HOLT RICHESON and BENJAMIN TEMPLE are elected delegates from King William to the Constitutional Convention.

King William, March 7, 1787

To be Sold, . . . 1,500 acres of land on Pamunkey River⁴⁹ . . . Mr. Fox who lives on the Estate will show the land, receive proposals, and transmit them to me.

RALPH WORMELEY.

⁴⁹ This was, no doubt, the farm now known as "Queenfield." It was a part of 13,500 acres patented in 1699 by Ralph Wormeley of Middlesex County. A portion of this land was later relinquished in favor of William and Mary College. The homestead occupied in later years by the Wormeley family was called "Manskin Lodge," for a tribe of Mankind Indians located nearby. The old house still stands and is the home of Mr. Hugh Townsend and his family. Mr. Townsend married Miss Elizabeth McGeorge, a daughter of Mr. Richard McGeorge and his second wife, Miss Janie Moren.

New Kent, March 1, 1787.

Whereas I gave my bond the 7th of November last to MR. RICHARD NEIL of the County of King William for the sum of thirty pounds, it being the balance of the purchase price of two Negroes, since the said NEIL has refused to deliver one of the Negroes agreeable to Contract, I therefore forewarn any Person from taking an Assignment of the said Bond, as I am determined not to pay it unless compelled by Law to do so.

HENRY MADRAS.

King William, August 9, 1788.

I do hereby give notice that I intend to petition the next Assembly to invest in me a fee-simple Estate in a certain Tract of Land lying in King William County whereon COL. FRANCIS WEST now resides.

STEPHEN BINGHAM.⁵⁰

⁵⁰ This Stephen Bingham was a son of Stephen Bingham, second husband of the much-married Jane Cole, by a former wife. Apparently, there was not much love bestowed by him on his step-mother's third husband. The long, and very interesting will of Stephen Bingham, the elder, will be found in the King William petitions in the Virginia State Archives.

OCTOBER 22, 1796:

Notice is hereby given that I intend to petition the next General Assembly for a Ferry across Mattapony River from my landing to the land of the late MRS. TUNSTALL in King & Queen.

BYRD CHAMBERLAYNE.⁵¹

⁵¹ Byrd Chamberlayne lived at "Eglington" on the Mattapony directly opposite the old King and Queen homestead, "Mantua." He was son of Thomas Chamberlayne and his wife, Wilhelmina Byrd, only surviving child of William Byrd II and his first wife, Lucy Parke. He served in the Virginia navy during the Revolution, and with his son, Otway Byrd Chamberlayne, was afterward lost at sea while trading in his own vessel. He married Elizabeth Dandridge, daughter of William Dandridge, Jr. of "Huntingdon." His daughter, Evelyn Byrd Chamberlayne, married Robert Pollard II of "Zoar." The office of county clerk was held by the Pollards for more than three quarters of a century.

DECEMBER 7, 1791:

For Sale . . . three Tracts of Land . . . one lying in Goochland County . . . another in King William county within four miles of Hanover Town, containing 33 acres, with a good Dwelling-house, . . .

YANCEY LIPSCOMB.

NOVEMBER 14, 1781:

By virtue of a Decree of High Court of Chancery will be sold at Public Auction . . . at King William courthouse, three Tracts of Land lying in King William county, conveyed in Trust by COL. JOHN QUARLES, deceased, to GEORGE BROOKE and others as a security for payment of a debt due from the said JOHN QUARLES, deceased, to FENDALL SUTHERLAND, since deceased . . .

THE COMMISSIONERS.

King William County, November 10, 1793.

I propose to attend at the house of Mr. JOHN McNAB in the upper end of King William on Thursday the 5th of January next, legally authorized to execute deeds and receive payments where due, for all the lands heretofore sold by MR. JOHN PERRIN of Gloucester lying in the Parish of St. David's and County of King William, where no conveyances have already been made; and to sell on Credit the Reemander of the said Perrin's land lying in the Parish and County aforesaid, containing about 800 acres. This land will be sold in small parcels of one hundred acres each, plats of which will be shown on the day of sale. Mr. Perrin's indisposition for some time past having prevented him from attending to his business, . . .

DRURY RAGSDALE.

August, 15, 1792.

Notice is hereby given that a Petition will be presented to the next General Assembly by the Subscribers, for building a toll bridge across Mattapony River at Todd's Warehouse.

JOHN W. SEMPLE
HUMPHREY TEMPLE



—Courtesy the *William and Mary Quarterly*.

BEAR GARDEN. Between Calno and Mangohick, King William County



—Courtesy The Virginia State Chamber of Commerce.

COURT HOUSE, King William County

August 14, 1792.

Notice is hereby given that a petition will be presented to the next General Assembly for the Privilege of building a Toll Bridge across Pamunkey River nearly opposite Hanover Town.

GEORGE DABNEY.

Hanover County, near Richmond,
January 15, 1799.

For Sale the Plantation I lately lived on in the upper end of the County of King William, containing about 900 acres, chiefly bounded by the Waters of Mattapony River and the Herring Creek, thereby affording extensive lowgrounds. . . . The orchards are large and stocked with choice fruit trees and there are supposed to be almost fifteen acres in red Clover. The Buildings are large, commodious, and fit for the Reception of any Family, being either new, or in excellent repair, and the situation remarkably dry and healthy. Mr. Jones on the Premises will show the land, and the terms will be made known by

JAMES GOVAN.

King William, near the Court House,
March 30, 1795.

Ran away from the Subscriber a mulatto Slave by the name of Will.

THOMAS JONES.

Hanover, April 10, 1795.

Whereas I gave my Bond with MORDECAI ABRAHAM in November, 1789, for twenty-eight Pounds five Shillings to SARAH RICE, deceased, of King William County, of whom I am a legatee, . . .

DAVID JONES.

JULY 8, 1802:

For Sale . . . STRAWBERRY HILL, containing 430 Acres of Land on Chickahominy Swamp about five miles from the City of Richmond. . . . For terms apply to MR. CORBIN BRAXTON⁵²

of King William, or to MR. CARTER BRAXTON⁵² of King & Queen.

ELIZABETH BRAXTON.

⁵² Both Carter Braxton, the Signer, and his son George of "Chericoke," had sons, Corbin and Carter. It is difficult to know which generation is here referred to.

For Sale by virtue of a Deed of Trust made to the Subscribers by BENJAMIN TOLER, THOMAS HOOPER and HENRY TOLER, JR. at Hanover Courthouse, two tracts of land . . . one containing 842 acres lying on Pamunkey River in the counties of Caroline and King William called GOOSE PONDS and adjoining the lands of WILLIAM NELSON, WILLIAM ELLIS and PAUL WOODFOLK.

Richmond, August 11, 1802.

CHAS. COPLAND

CHAS. JOHNSTON, Trustees.

Will be sold on Friday the 29th instant at the Dwelling House of COL. BENJAMIN TEMPLE,⁵³ deceased, and on Tuesday the 2nd of November at the Plantation in Hanover County called GARLAND's, stock, household and kitchen furniture, . . .

King William, October 7, 1802.

ROBERT TEMPLE,
Executor of Benjamin
Temple, deceased.

⁵³ Benjamin Temple of "Presque Isle," was son of Joseph and Ann (Arnold) Temple. His will, dated March 23, 1800 and proved September 27, 1802 (copy on file in the manuscript department of the Virginia Historical Society) names sons, Robert and Benjamin; daughters, Elizabeth Taylor, Molly Williamson and Nancy Temple; wife, Molly Temple; sister, Molly Elliott; nephew, Benjamin Elliott, and niece, Agnes Elliott. Executors: sons, Robert and Benjamin, and son-in-law, Richard Taylor. He directs to be sold "land I purchased of Mr. Ed. Garland." The witnesses are: William Temple, Leonard Tunstall, Senr. and John B. Gwathmey. Benjamin Temple's wife was Mollie Brooke Baylor.

All Persons having demands against the Estate of NA-

THANIEL BURWELL,⁵⁴ deceased, are desired to send them to the Subscriber who has for sale several families of valuable Negroes belonging to the Estate.

Richmond, May 10, 1802.

LEWIS BURWELL.

⁵⁴ This was Nathaniel Burwell of "Vermont," which he had sold to Walker Hawes by deed dated February 23, 1802. His wife, probably a second wife, was Martha Digges, daughter of Dudley Digges and Martha Armistead. She was born 1756 and died February 3, 1848. (Inscription on her tombstone in the cemetery of a little church near Fincastle, Va.)

JUNE 12, 1802:

There will be a petition to the next Assembly to raise the ferriage at FRAZER'S FERRY in King William County.

THOMAS R. EVANS,⁵⁵ Present Proprietor.

⁵⁵ Thomas R. Evans married Elizabeth Frazer, daughter of Richard Frazer and his wife, Ann Catherine Skyren, who married secondly Zachery Lewis and died June 25, 1830. Ann Catherine Skyren was the daughter of Rev. Henry Skyren and Lucy, the daughter of Bernard Moore of "Chelsea," and his wife, Ann Catherine Spotswood. This pedigree was given me by my friend, Mr. Gilbert Burnett Lewis, who has ever been kind and thoughtful in furnishing items for my King William files.

JULY 14, 1802:

Pursuant to a Decree of the Honorable the High Court of Chancery of Richmond District, will be sold on Monday the 30th of August at the Mansion House of HOLT RICHESON, deceased, in the County of King William, that valuable tract of land lying on Pamunkey River and bounded partly by COHOKE MILL, containing by survey 471 acres. Also that valuable mill known by the name of Cohoke. . . .

King William, July 4, 1802.

THE COMMISSIONERS.

Pursuant to the last Will and Testament of MR. THOMAS FOX, Deceased, will be sold at King William Courthouse, . . . two valuable tracts of land lying on Mattapony River, two miles from Frazer's Ferry, and ten miles from the said court-

house . . . adjoining the lands of FRANCIS DANDRIDGE and JOHN PERRIN, Deceased, . . . one containing 277 acres . . . and the other containing 73 acres. . . . It is a beautiful seat and commands an extensive prospect of the river. . . .

January 12, 1802.

W. B. WALLACE, Executor.

Pursuant to a Decree of the worshipful Court of King William County made on behalf of JAMES PRICE and WILLIAM BROOKE, Complainants, against ROBERT PRICE, Defendant, the tract of land on which MR. ROBERT PRICE now resides will be sold. . . . There is a large and convenient brick house and other necessary Buildings on the said Tract, containing between seven and eight hundred acres. . . . The situation is elegant and commands an extensive view up and down the Mattapony River, on whose banks it lies. . . . About eight miles from King William Courthouse, and two of Frazer's Ferry.

February 8, 1802.

THE COMMISSIONERS.

OCTOBER 18, 1802:

For Sale that well known tract called WEST POINT, situated in the lower end of King William county and bounded by York, Mattapony and Pamunkey rivers, containing nearly 3,000 acres. . . .

WILLIAM FITZHUGH, Alexandria
CHARLES CARTER, Shirley.

OCTOBER 3, 1804:

All Persons having Claims against the Estate of CAPT. THOMAS NELSON,⁵⁶ late of King William County, are desired to bring them, properly attested, to the Subscriber, who has qualified as Executor of his Father's Estate, . . .

THOMAS CARY NELSON, Executor.

⁵⁶ The decedent of the foregoing notice was a son of "Secretary" Thomas Nelson of Yorktown who, in 1782, owned 4,075 acres in King William, which large tract probably included the present farms, Wyoming, Bleak Hill, Difficult Hill, Hornquarter, Colonel William Nelson's

tract lying partly in King William and partly in Caroline, and which he called his "Dorrell Plantation." At the "Secretary's" death about 1788, these holdings fell to his three sons, Colonel William Nelson, John Nelson and Captain Thomas Nelson, in almost equal shares. (King William tax lists.) They were all distinguished soldiers.

Captain Thomas Nelson, the foregoing decedent, married in Fluvanna County, September 4, 1777, Sally Cary, daughter of Wilson Cary of "Ceelys." (Fluvanna Marriage Bonds.) Their only child was Thomas Cary Nelson, foregoing, born January 4, 1779.

By virtue of two deeds of trust made and executed by SAMUEL GARLICK of King William county to me, the one for the purpose of saving harmless MORDECAI ABRAHAMS, of the same county, who stands security for the said Samuel in a deed due to ORVIL ROW, and the other for the purpose of securing the payment of a deed due from the said Samuel Garlick to John Temple of King & Queen, I shall expose for sale at King William Courthouse on March 30th, two Negro Men. . . .
September 10, 1805. BEVERLEY ROBINSON, Trustee.

In the *Enquirer* for December 14, 1805 RUMFORD ACADEMY⁵⁷ is, for the first time, advertised as a school for boys and young men, signed: G. H. DEVENISH.

In the issue of March 11, 1806 there appears an advertisement of a lottery to raise the sum of \$4,200 for the benefit of the Academy, which reads in part as follows:

"This lottery has been authorized by the Legislature of Virginia for the laudable purpose of purchasing a library and a philosophical apparatus for the use of the students of RUMFORD ACADEMY in the County of King William which has been in operation for nearly twelve months. When it is recollected by the public that this Academy was built by an individual who has appropriated a considerable lot of ground for the use of the students, and that a small portion of public patronage will cause it to flourish, the undersigned commissioners confidently hope that they will meet with great success. . . . The situation

of the Academy is elevated and healthy and remote from the vices of the towns. . . .

WILLIAM BROCKENBROUGH	WILLIAM D. CLAIBORNE
SPENCER ROANE	ROBERT HILL
ROBERT POLLARD	PHILIP AYLETT
JOHN ROANE	CARTER BRAXTON"
BEVERLEY ROBINSON	

⁵⁷ The Academy was built by John Roane, Jr. and flourished for many years as a school for gentlemen's sons. It was named, singularly enough, for the notorious "Count Rumford," (Benjamin Thompson), who had achieved a world-wide fame as a physicist, and whose improved methods of heating and cooking, as well as in agricultural pursuits, had brought his name into prominence. It seems evident, however, that at this time Thompson's shameless Tory activities had been not so well known, for John Roane, the most fiery of patriots, would as soon have named his school for Benedict Arnold, had he known of this unsavory side of the "Count's" character.

After the War Between the States the old academy became a private residence and was owned for some years by a branch of the Abrams family. Its last owner tore the sturdy old building down and sold the bricks. The post office, Rumford, perpetuates the name.

APRIL 13, 1806:

All Persons having Claims against the Estate of DR. GEORGE WILLIAMSON,⁵⁸ Deceased, late of King William county, are required to bring them in, . . .

MARY WILLIAMSON, Administrix c. t. a. of
George Williamson, Deceased.

⁵⁸ Dr. George Williamson's wife was Mary Temple, daughter of Benjamin Temple and his wife, Molly Brooke Baylor. They lived at the place near the village of Ayletts called "Kennington."

The issue of November 11, 1806 contains a notice of a proposed petition to erect a toll bridge across the Mattaponi at Dunkirk "from the land of John Temple in King & Queen to the land of Robert and John Bird," in King William.

MAY 2, 1807:

All persons having claims against the Estate of WILLIAM WINGOE, Deceased, of King William, are requested to bring them in, . . .

GIDEON BOSHER, Administrator.

On Monday the 3rd of August next (1807) pursuant to a Decree of King William County Court, will be sold . . . a Tract of Land whereon FRANCIS WEST QUARLES⁵⁹ now resides.

BEVERLEY ROBINSON
JOHN FOX, Commis'rs.

⁵⁹ In the fragmentary records of King William County there is a deed dated January 2, 1796, an abstract of which may be given as follows:

"Henry Quarles of King William to Francis West Quarles of the same for love and affection he hath for the said Francis West Quarles, *who is his son*, all that tract of land in St. David's parish being the remaining part of a large tract known by the name of Gibson's after laying off thereout 300 acres agreeable to the boundaries contained in certain articles of agreement entered into by the said Henry and one Lettice Lee Rust and containing 377 acres, &c. . . ." (King William Deed Book No. 3; page 176.)

In the King William tax lists Henry Quarles is charged with 600 acres until the year 1796. In the following year the assessment of this land is as follows: 300 acres to Francis West Quarles and Lettice Lee Rust, 300 acres. In a deed, dated January 1, 1803, John Segar of King William and Francis West Quarles and Lucy his wife sell to James Pendleton of King and Queen County "377 acres of land in St. David's Parish beginning &c. . . a corner white oak on the edge of Crosbie's mill pond thence up the meanders of Perry's Swamp &c. . . ." (King William Deed Book No. 4; p. 151.)

This will be clear only to those who know this location, and not entirely to them! Crosbie's Mill was the present Mitchell's Mill. It was successively known as Burwell's Mill, Crosbie's Mill and Henshaw's Mill. In 1849, with 10 acres of land, it was purchased by my grandfather, William Semple Ryland of "Roseville," and Major Thomas Dabney of "The Dorrell." It was known to our generation as "The Lower Mill." Perry's Swamp, which feeds the pond is now called "The Fork Bridge Creek."

The 377 acres of land sold by Francis West Quarles to James Pendleton became the home of his son-in-law, Thomas W. Todd, who

had married Eliza Pendleton. Later it was sold to Edward Trice of Middlesex County who had married Frances Ball. I have not been able to locate this deed so I do not know the exact date of the purchase. The house is still standing, though unfortunately modernized. An inscription on a brick in one of the chimneys reads: "H. Quarles, 1781." The place is known as "Millbrook."

Francis West Quarles married Lucy Daingerfield Smith and Lettice Lee Rust was her sister. They were sisters of Governor George William Smith, who lost his life in the burning of the Richmond Theatre in 1811, and daughters of Meriwether Smith.

OCTOBER 20, 1807:

Valuable Grist Mill to Rent. In King William near Mrs. Drewry's tavern commonly called Moncuin Mills. . . . For terms apply to JOHN ROANE of King William or to the Subscriber who is often at the said mills. JOHN TEMPLE.

DECEMBER 24, 1807:

THOMAS CARY NELSON,⁶⁰ "residing in King William near Hanover Court House," advertises for a pocket-book lost "between Hanover Court House and the Eagle Tavern in Richmond."

⁶⁰ Thomas Cary Nelson was the only child of Captain Thomas Nelson and his wife, Sally Cary (see *supra*). He was born at "Ceelys," January 4, 1779. His mother survived him only nine days. His father died in 1805 at "Bleak Hill," in King William County. Thomas Cary Nelson married, 1803, Sally, daughter of Major Benjamin Day of Fredericksburg, a Revolutionary officer, a lawyer of repute and for some years Grand Master of the Masons of Virginia. Sally Day Nelson died September 23, 1823. Her husband died at "Wyoming," King William County, January 2, 1840, leaving surviving issue, six children.

JANUARY 19, 1808:

On February 10th at the Plantation of the late COL. WILLIAM NELSON⁶¹ of King William will be sold two parcels of Land; one of 100 acres adjoining the Estate of COL. JOHN TAYLOR, known by the name of *HORNQUARTER* . . . the



—Courtesy the *William and Mary Quarterly*.

HORNQUARTER, King William County



ROSEVILLE, formerly called FLOYDS, King William County—home of William Semple Ryland. This is the oldest picture and shows the porch before the roof was changed. Also the old kitchen.



ROSEVILLE, formerly called FLOYDS, King William County—home of William Semple Ryland.

other of 205 acres adjoining MR. WILLIAM WEST and MR. JAMES MEAUX.

CHARLES C. PAGE, Administrator c. t. a. of
Col. Wm. Nelson, deceased.

⁶¹ Colonel William Nelson was the oldest son of "Secretary" Thomas Nelson and his wife, Judith Armistead. He was born in Yorktown June 17, 1746, and married, November 24, 1770, Lucy Chiswell, who died April 13, 1810. The births of their children, from old Bible records, have been published. (See *Virginia Magazine*, XXXIII; 87.) R. C. M. Page, in his history of the Page and Nelson families, states that Col. William Nelson lived at his home, "The Dorrill," in *Hanover County*. This is incorrect. "The Dorrell," was, as we have already stated, partly in King William and partly in Caroline. His old home is still standing, though altered. The Caroline County line runs through the house.

"Hornquarter," belonging to the estate of Colonel John Taylor of Caroline, seems to have belonged early in the eighteenth century to Frederick Jones, whose will, dated April 9, 1722, and probated in North Carolina, March 26, 1723 (see Grimes, *North Carolina Wills and Administrations*, pp. 273f) directs that his brother, Thomas Jones of Virginia, is to "make sale of and dispose of all my lands lying in King William County in Virginia *commonly called Horn's Quarter*." At some unknown date this plantation became part of the huge acreage belonging to "Secretary" Nelson and at his death, the portion called Hornquarter fell to the share of his son, John Nelson, who sold it to William Penn before moving to Mecklenburg County. Penn devised Hornquarter to his sister Lucy, the wife of Colonel John Taylor.

The present handsome mansion was built by Colonel Taylor's son, George, in the first quarter of the nineteenth century. There was a great housewarming to which the gentry of several nearby counties were invited. My grandmother, Elizabeth Frances Hawes, was one of the guests. The beautiful old mansion has passed through many hands since it went out of possession of the Taylor family.

William West was a son of Captain Francis West, and married Letitia Martin, daughter of George Martin of King and Queen County. She was born March 6, 1735. (Old family record.) I have no authentic data on James Meaux (pronounced *Mukes*), but a daughter of Colonel William Nelson married William Meaux, probably his brother. Charles Carter Page married Sallie Cary, fourth daughter of Colonel William Nelson.

SEPTEMBER 20, 1808:

For Sale a Tract of Land in the County of King William belonging to the Estate of WILLIAM BROOKE,⁶² Deceased, containing 763 acres, . . . RICHARD BROOKE,⁶² Executor.

⁶² William and Richard Brooke were sons of George Brooke of "Mantapike," King and Queen County. William Brooke, in his will dated February 4, 1808, names brother, Richard Brooke; sister, Catherine Tunstall and deceased sister, Mary Hill; nephew, Thomas Price and two unmarried daughters of Robert Price, "they being my nieces." (*Va. Mag.*, XI; 200.)

The Subscriber will practice law in the Superior and Inferior Courts of King & Queen, Essex, and King William Counties, . . .

G. R. TRANT.⁶³

⁶³ George Richards Trant was said to have been the son of George Trant, an officer in the British Army, and his wife, a Miss Richards. The family was of Irish extraction. They lived at a place called "Trenton," about seven miles above Ayletts on the King William County Road. George R. Trant married Mary E. Walker, a daughter of Thomas Walker and his wife, Fannie Hill, a daughter of John Hill of "Mayfair." Thomas Walker was a son of Baylor Walker of King and Queen County.

MAY 12, 1809:

In this issue THOMAS CARY NELSON⁶⁴ offers for sale 2,000 acres of "York River land," *situated on the Pamunkey in the upper end of King William county*. The land is described lying ten miles from Hanover town and five miles from Hanover Courthouse. . . .

Bleak-Hill, King-William, August 29, 1809.

THOMAS CARY NELSON.

⁶⁴ In the King William County records there is a much mutilated deed, dated January 9, 1838, which sheds light on the property owned by Thomas Cary Nelson. It is interesting enough to be quoted here:

"Thomas Cary Nelson to George Taylor, two parcels of land known by the names of the Bleak Hill and Difficult Hill plantations, being all the lands in the said county. . . (illeg.) The Bleak Hill plantation is

that on which the said Thomas C. Nelson has resided for . . . years and now resides and contains by estimation 1,945 acres, a portion of it was d(evised) to the said Thomas C. Nelson from his father, Thomas Nelson, . . . The Difficult Hill plantation contains by estimation . . . and comprises the plantation called Difficult Hill, the former Claiborne's Neck, which . . . conveyed to the said Thomas C. Nelson by Charles C. Page and wife, . . . in the year one thousand eight hundred and twenty-five, . . . and the place called Toler's . . . which was conveyed . . . by Thomas Dabney, acting as trustee under the conveyance from Benjamin Dabney, . . ." (King William Deed Book No. 10; page 45.)

In the issue of January 7, 1809 there is an advertisement of Rumford Academy in which it is stated that Captain John Fox will act as Steward for the ensuing year, with CHILES TERRELL as Principal. In the year 1810 the Academy is conducted by RICHARD HILL and BROOKE HILL.

JUNE 12, 1810:

Will be sold on the 18th of June upon the Estate of the late COL. WILLIAM NELSON of King William all the household and kitchen furniture, a good Carriage and Horses, . . .

CHAS. C. PAGE,⁶⁵ Admr. c. t. a.

Will be sold on the Premises the 17th day of September the land whereon the late COL. WM. NELSON resided, in the upper end of King William, containing by Survey, 1,500 acres of land, . . .

CHAS. C. PAGE,⁶⁵ Admr. c. t. a.

⁶⁵ Charles Carter Page, Colonel Nelson's son-in-law and administrator, was a son of Robert and Elizabeth (Carter) Page of Page's Warehouse, Hanover County.

OCTOBER 12, 1810:

For Sale, the Plantation on which I now reside in the County of King William containing 312 acres, within sight of Han-overtown and adjoining the lands of WARNER WORMELEY and others. . . .

GIDEON BOSHER.

SEPTEMBER 24, 1811:

By virtue of the last Will and Testament of WILLIAM DANDRIDGE CLAIBORNE, Deceased, will be sold to the highest bidder at Public Auction, . . . that valuable Plantation lying on Pamunkey River called *CAHOKE* in King William county.

BURWELL BASSETT

THOMAS TAYLOR, Ex'ors.

For Sale, Lands, Mill and Slaves. Pursuant to the last Will and Testament of RALPH WORMELEY, ESQ. of ROSEGILL, and of a Decree of Chancery, will be sold, . . . two Farms on Pamunkey River in the County of King William, one known by the Name of QUEENFIELD, containing 400 acres, the other called WOODDY's containing 409 acres, together with a Mill within two Miles of Hanover town. The farms are a part of MANSKIN LODGE Estate (one of the most productive in Virginia) . . . MR. JAMES FOX, Manskin Lodge, will shew the property . . .

January 11, 1812.

ELEANOR WORMELEY

CARTER BEVERLEY

JOHN CHEW, Administrators.

By Virtue of a Deed of Trust executed on the 23rd of June, 1812, by MOURNING LIPSCOMB to secure to GEORGE SLAUGHTER a certain sum of Money therein mentioned, will be sold on the 6th of December next (1815) . . . 404 acres of land whereon the said MOURNING LIPSCOMB resides . . . in the parish of St. John's, County of King William.

HARDIN LITTLEPAGE,⁶⁶ Trustee.

⁶⁶ Hardin Littlepage was the son of Thomas Littlepage and his wife, Ann, daughter of Hardin Burnley of Hanover County. On April 15, 1820, Eliza S. Littlepage qualified in Hanover County as executrix of Hardin Littlepage. (W. Ronald Cocke, *Hanover Co. Chancery Wills and Notes*, p. 27.)

JANUARY 20, 1814:

For Sale on the 29th of February next ENDFIELD in King

William, late the property of JOHN WALLER, Deceased, situated on the Mattapony opposite to Walkerton where vessels can come within a short distance of the House. . . .

BY THE EXECUTOR.

FEBRUARY 5, 1814:

HILL'S MILL FOR SALE.⁶⁷ On the 22nd of February will be offered for sale publicly at Aylett's Warehouse in King William county pursuant to the last Will and Testament of ROBERT HILL, Deceased, a very valuable mill belonging to his Estate with 150 acres of land adjoining thereto, situated on Herring Creek about two miles from Dunkirk in the County of King & Queen . . . also a very excellent Sloop of from 14 to 1500 Bushels burden, built about three years ago in the county, by faithfull workmen of the best materials, and well calculated to ply from Ayletts to Norfolk, . . .

THE EXECUTORS.

⁶⁷ This was the mill later known as Sizer's mill.

King William, February 8, 1814.

By virtue of a Deed of Trust executed by BENJAMIN PENDLETON of King William to us, MORDECAI ABRAHAM and THOMAS DABNEY, of said county to secure the payment of a sum of money to FLEMING MITCHELL, . . . we shall expose for sale . . . a Tract of Land containing by late survey two hundred and twenty and one-half acres, which land the said PENDLETON purchased of the said MITCHELL, . . .

MORDECAI ABRAHAM
THOMAS DABNEY, Trustees.

NOVEMBER 22, 1815:

MANSKIN LODGE FOR SALE. Formerly the property of WARNER WORMELEY, Esq., Deceased. About 300 acres of valuable land . . . a large manufacturing mill . . . two excellent Dwelling houses, with good outhouses, stables, barns, &c. . . .

a highly improved garden, . . . Will be shown by MR. JAMES FOX. Will be divided to suit the purchasers.

GARRIT MINOR
ROBERT STANARD, Trustees of
WARNER WORMELEY, Deceased.

MAY 20, 1817:

For Sale under Deed of Trust of EDWARD GARLICK⁶⁸ to HENRY YOUNG, on Thursday 19th of June next (1817) at Ayletts Warehouse the tract of land whereon the said EDWARD GARLICK now resides, situated two miles above the said warehouse and containing about 430 acres.

BEVERLEY ROBINSON, Attorney
in fact for Henry Young.

⁶⁸ Edward Garlick, son of John and Nancy (Pollard) Garlick, was born March 3, 1779, and died August 30, 1829. (Garlick Bible records.) He married first, December 20, 1805, Fannie Hill Walker, daughter of Thomas Walker. By this marriage he came into possession of a portion of "Cownes," where he must have been living at the time of this advertisement. He later lived at a place on the road from Mitchell's Mill to Globe postoffice, which he called "Sloe Grove," and which he purchased about 1819 from Lettice Lee Rust (King William tax lists). He married, secondly, April 11, 1820, Mary Hill Gwathmey, daughter of Joseph Gwathmey and his wife, Mary Hill. Mary Hill Gwathmey Garlick was born September 2, 1785, and died at "Sloe Grove," October 29, 1838. (Garlick Bible records.) She was the mother of Dr. John William Garlick and of the Reverend Joseph R. Garlick, and of another son who died in infancy. (Bible records.) "Sloe Grove" was later the home of Jeremiah Fox, whose descendants, so far as I know, still own it.

Notice is hereby given that a petition will be presented to the General Assembly . . . that the Subscriber be authorized to erect a toll bridge across the Pamunkey River at the place where the bridge called and known by the name of LITTLE-PAGE'S BRIDGE now stands.

Hanover, June 24, 1817.

ELIZABETH TAYLOR.⁶⁹

⁶⁹ She was Elizabeth Temple, daughter of Benjamin Temple of

Presque Isle, and widow of Richard Taylor, son of Richard Squire Taylor. (See King Wm. D. B. No. 5, p. 40; and also Ronald Cocke, *Hanover County Chancery Wills and Notes*, p. 135.)

The Subscriber, being about to remove to the Western Country, will sell without reserve on Monday the 18th of August next (1817) in the County of King William, . . . a Place on which he resides containing 100 acres within two miles of King William courthouse, and six of Frazer's Ferry, and on the main road leading from the Piping Tree to King & Queen courthouse, and within one mile of Mattapony River where there is a public landing.

HENRY BRENAN.

The Subscriber will offer for sale at King William courthouse on Monday the 25th of August next a Tract of Land on the Mattapony River in the said county called *Eglinton*, about two and one half miles from the courthouse containing 248 acres . . . about one-third cleared and a part in slashes and swamps which if cleared would be valuable; the balance in marsh and lowgrounds affording good range for stock; adjoining this tract about 700 acres of superior land . . . Ayletts Warehouse, King Wm. July 25, 1817.

JOHN C. POLLARD.

By virtue of a Deed of Trust executed to the Subscribers by CAMM GARLICK . . . will be sold . . . at Public Auction at Ayletts Warehouse on Monday, December 26, 1817, a Tract of land lying in the parish of St. David's and county aforesaid which the said CAMM GARLICK purchased of WALKER TALIAFERRO,⁷⁰ containing by estimation 200 acres. . . .

BEVERLEY ROBINSON

ROBERT POLLARD, Jr.

⁷⁰ In a deed recorded in the court of King William County, July 24, 1811, from Walker Taliaferro and Mildred Cole, his wife, this land is described as adjoining the estate of William Glover, the estate of Stephen Terry, and the lands of James Powell and William Campbell and known by the name of Spring Wood. (See King William Deed

Book No. 6, page 61; my abstracts Book 4, page 11.) On April 6, 1813 Camm Garlick has a deed of trust on this land, described as the land he bought of Walker Taliaferro and known by the name of Springwood. (King Wm. Deed Book No. 6, page 234.) This Camm Garlick was also a son of John and Nancy (Pollard) Garlick, a brother of Edward.

AUGUST 26, 1818:

TO WILLIAM F. GAINES and EDWARD BROOKE HILL. Take Notice, as you are not inhabitants of this state and have no known agent here, that on the 2nd day of November court next to be held for King William County, the nuncupative will of ELIZABETH GAINES, Deceased, will be offered for proof and recordation.

MARTHA F. GAINES

MARY C. GAINES.

Valuable Property for Sale. By virtue of a deed executed by JOHN HILL, Deceased, and BAYLOR HILL, late merchants and partners trading under the firm name of JOHN & BAYLOR HILL, bearing date 18 July 1818, . . . we will sell, . . . that well known manufacturing mill and 150 acres of land thereto adjoining, situated on Herring Creek about two miles from Ayletts Warehouse, . . .

RICHARD HILL

CHARLES HILL

FLOYD'S FOR SALE.⁷¹ By virtue of the last Will and Testament of John Fox, Deceased. will be sold at Public Auction on the Premises, . . . this very valuable farm in King William county on Herring Creek containing between 300 and 400 acres.

THOMAS FOX, Acting Administrator of
John Fox, deceased.

⁷¹ "Roseville," purchased by my grandfather, William Semple Ryland, by deed dated January 26, 1822. (See King Wm. D. B. No. 8, p. 394.) Now owned by Mrs. Sally Adams.



—Courtesy The Virginia State Chamber of Commerce.

MANSKIN LODGE, King William County



—Courtesy The Virginia State Chamber of Commerce.

ELSING GREEN, King William County

To be rented for one or more years, THE TAVERN, out offices and lots, situated at AYLETT'S WAREHOUSE on Mattaponi River, . . . at present in the occupancy of MR. ARCHIBALD MINOR. . . .

Montville, November 13, 1821.

P. AYLETT.

The Subscriber respectfully informs his friends and the Public that he has rented for the ensuing year that old and established TAVERN AT AYLETT'S WAREHOUSE, King William County, lately in the occupancy of MR. ARCHIBALD MINOR, . . . He intends to keep a well furnished house, &c. . . . His table will be supplied with the best the neighboring country affords, . . . One wing of the house will be exclusively appropriated for the accommodation of ladies. . . .

THOMAS JORDAN.

MARCH 20, 1821:

For Sale that extensive and very valuable Estate called MANSKIN LODGE, formerly the property of THOMAS MILLER, Deceased, . . . on the Pamunkey River opposite Hanover town and within 22 miles of Richmond . . . It contains nearly 3,000 acres of as valuable land as any on that river, of which about 2,000 acres are low grounds of great fertility. . . . There are two good dwelling houses . . . with good outhouses, . . . The one is called MANSKIN LODGE, the other is that part of the estate which has obtained the name of WORMELEY GROVE. . . . They will be sold entire, or in parcels to suit the purchaser.

WILLIAM MILLER

J. B. FERGUSON, Executors of

Thomas Miller, Deceased.

AUGUST 24, 1821:

In Compliance with the last Will and Testament of MAJOR NATHANIEL FOX, Deceased, will be sold at Public Auction on Monday the 24th at King William Courthouse, being court day, the Tract of land on which the said FOX resided, called ROSE GARDEN, containing nearly 500 acres, situated about six

miles below the Courthouse, and about equi-distant from Mattapony and Pamunkey rivers. The dwelling house has three rooms below, and three rooms above stairs.

JAMES FOX, Administrator c. t. a.
of N. FOX, Deceased.

King William, September 2, 1823.

OLD TOWN FOR SALE. The Subscriber will offer for sale publicly at King William Courthouse on the 4th Monday in November next . . . that valuable tract of land . . . immediately on the Pamunkey River commonly called, . . . OLD TOWN, containing 631 acres, . . . 331 of which are high land and 250 marsh . . . subject to the life estate of MRS. LUCY JOHNSON. . . .⁷²

AMMON JOHNSON.

⁷² Mrs. Lucy Johnson was the widow of James Johnson of "Old Town," who was a son (or grandson) of James Johnson who in 1701 patented 110 acres of land on Nicatowance Creek near the Indian town. This creek, named for the Indian chief, Nicatowance, and spelled in a variety of ways, was probably the present Harrison's Creek. The repeated mention of this creek identifies this Johnson family, and differentiates them from others of the name. Mrs. Lucy Johnson was a daughter of Christopher Ammon of New Kent. She was born November 27, 1758 (St. Peter's Parish Register, page 558) and died in 1826. James and Lucy Johnson had the following children: Ammon Johnson; Christopher Johnson, born about 1780; a son, James; and Ann Johnson, born December 25, 1781, died September 25, 1819; married W. B. Lipscomb. (Stone in the graveyard at "Old Towne.")

OCTOBER 21, 1823:

By virtue of a Deed of Trust executed to me by NEWMAN B. ROANE,⁷³ and duly recorded, . . . I shall . . . in the town of Tappahannock . . . offer for sale the Tract of Land . . . in the lower parish of the said county (Essex) 85 acres . . . as intended to be conveyed by the will of NEWMAN BROCKENBROUGH to the said NEWMAN B. ROANE. The whole of this property is held by MRS. LUCY BROCKENBROUGH during her life . . .

JOHN J. ROANE, Trustee.

⁷³ Newman Brockenbrough Roane and John J. Roane were sons of

John Roane, Jr. of "Uppowac," and his wife, Elizabeth Fauntleroy Brockenbrough, the daughter of Newman Brockenbrough and Lucy Daingerfield, of Essex County.

NOVEMBER 23, 1825:

Sherwin McRae,⁷⁴ Attorney at Law, will practice in the courts (superior and inferior) of King William, King & Queen, Hanover and Henrico. He has established his residence at King William courthouse where he will usually be found.

⁷⁴ Sherwin McRae, of a Chesterfield family, married January 4, 1832, Sarah Ann, daughter of Christopher Johnson of King William.

PIPING TREE FOR LEASE. The Subscriber, wishing to retire to a private residence, offers for lease, the tavern, ferry, &c. . . . at this place for the term of two years, from and after the 1st day of January next (1826). The rent will be required to be paid on the 1st of July and the 1st of January each year, . . .

AMMON JOHNSON.

Will be sold at Public Auction Thursday the 1st of February next at the late residence of BENJAMIN DABNEY, Deceased, in the County of King William, all the perishable property, &c. . . . At the same time and place . . . will be rented out for the present year the Plantation, containing about 1,000 acres of prime Pamunkey land. . . .

B. F. DABNEY, Administrator of
B. DABNEY, and Guardian of his
Orphans.
January 4, 1827.

Pursuant to a Deed of Trust by BENJAMIN DABNEY to secure a debt to THOMAS C. NELSON, executor of CHARLES C. PAGE, Deceased . . . will be sold nine likely Negroes, . . .

B. F. DABNEY, Administrator of
B. DABNEY, Deceased.

APRIL 12, 1827:

At a meeting of "sundry inhabitants of King William, King & Queen and Essex counties, unfavorable to the pretensions of

GENERAL ANDREW JACKSON as next President of the United States," which was held at "Mr. Jordan's Tavern, Ayletts Warehouse, in King William County, on Wednesday the 4th of April, 1827," DR. WILLIAM B. WESTMORE was called to the chair, and THOMAS WALKER was appointed Secretary.

FOR RENT. The Store and Lumber House at THE PIPING TREE in King William County. Apply to MR. STERLING J. CRUMP of Richmond, or to the Subscriber in King William. October 16, 1827. ROBERT I. KING.

EXECUTOR'S SALE. Will be sold, . . . at the late residence of GEORGE DABNEY, Deceased, . . . the perishable estate of the said deceased, consisting of . . . horses, cattle, sheep, . . . and at the same time, under the will of the deceased, that valuable ferry known by the name of DABNEY'S FERRY at Hanover town across the Pamunkey River . . . together with the ferryboat . . . and an acre of land adjoining it on the King William side with the ferryman's house . . .

G. H. DABNEY, AND B. F. DABNEY, Executors.

APRIL 4, 1828:

Under Deed of Trust, dated February 21, 1818, executed by BENJAMIN DABNEY, late of the County of King William, will be sold . . . a tract of land containing 316 acres. It lies on Mahixon Creek within 200 yards of Pamunkey River adjacent to the estate which MR. THOMAS C. NELSON purchased of MR. CHARLES C. PAGE, . . .

THOS. DABNEY

WM. R. NELSON, Trustees.

A petition will be presented to the next General Assembly of Virginia praying the passage of an act to authorize the sale of the Estate of THOMAS G. POLLARD, now confined in the Lunatic Asylum at Williamsburg.

King Wm. county, June 24, 1828.

GEORGE B. POLLARD

AMBROSE POLLARD, Committees.

Being anxious to move to the west, I offer for sale my farm in King William county near Rumford Academy, supposed to contain 280 . . . with a water grist mill attached. . . .

King Wm. March 10, 1827.

WILLIAM RUFFIN.

THOMAS DABNEY AND LADY propose opening a Seminary for the Instruction of Females the ensuing year at their Residence in the upper part of King William in which will be taught Spelling, Reading, Writing, Arithmetic, History, Grammar, Geography, with the use of the Globes, Natural and Moral Philosophy, Rhetoric and Composition. Also the Latin language if required. Mrs. Dabney will teach fine needlework, &c. . . . They promise particular attention to the formation of the morals, minds and manners of those committed to their care. Board and Tuition, \$100 (the boarders to furnish their beds, bedding, towels and candles) ; tuition alone, \$20, payable quarterly. The Subscriber had the opportunity last year of attending the examination of the School at Smyrna under the tuition of MISS MARY E. TOMPKINS, now Mrs. Dabney. It gives him pleasure to state, . . .

September, 1827.

ANDREW BROADDUS.

I most heartily concur with Mr. Broaddus in the above statement.

Dorrell,⁷⁵ King Wm., October 16, 1827.

C. W. TALIAFERRO.

⁷⁵ Major Thomas Dabney's home, "The Dorrell," where for many years he and his wife, the former Miss Mary Tompkins, maintained a well-known private school, must not be confused with Col. William Nelson's Dorrell plantation on the headwaters of that stream. The early history of "The Dorrell" is somewhat hard to trace, but I am convinced that it was the plantation advertised for sale by Reuben Turner on July 22, 1773 which he described as 735 acres *in the fork of Herring Creek and Dorrell Swamp*, and possessing a good site for a water grist mill. The deeds have been lost, but I think that it was purchased about this time by Richard Dabney (whose wife was Diana Gwathmey) ; that he built the mill ; and lived at "The Dorrell" until his death about 1809. The description of his land in the tax lists is "in the forks of

Herring and Dorrell Creeks," and is shown through the years as 654 acres. Part of this, but not all, certainly came later into the possession of Major Thomas Dabney and was his home until his death. As I have already stated, the mill, with 51 acres adjoining, was purchased in 1833 by Major Dabney and my grandfather, William Semple Ryland. When the older man died my grandfather purchased his share and owned the mill until his death in 1861 when it passed by will to my father, Robert Semple Ryland.

I have always been told that the house which now stands at "The Dorrell," was only a part of the original structure. I do not know when it was built, nor by which of the Dabneys who lived there. Nor do I know what relationship existed between Richard Dabney and Major Thomas Dabney, except that they were not father and son. Major Thomas Dabney's father was George Dabney who may have been a brother of Richard. The Dabney family of King William presents a genealogical jig-saw puzzle which has always proved too much for this scribe.

Major Thomas Dabney was married twice. His first wife was Lucy Walker, a daughter of Thomas Walker. One of her daughters married Mordecai Sizer; another married a Stuart; and still another married Samuel Robinson, a brother of Major Thomas Robinson of "Mt. Pisgah." The latter was grandmother of Mrs. J. Douglas Mitchell. Of the last marriage the two sons met tragic deaths. One, James, was killed accidentally while hunting; the other Alex Dabney, my father's friend and comrade, lost his life in the Civil War.

It is my impression that Major Dabney had an adopted daughter who married a man named Gunther, and that he devised "The Dorrell" to her.

Richmond Enquirer, OCTOBER 10, 1828:

I offer for sale my farm in King William county known as TUCKOMAN, containing 1,040 acres, 800 of which are high land and a portion of it well timbered. The remaining 800 acres are high marsh land. . . . There is on the place a large two-story Dwelling-house, . . . Please apply to MR. THOMAS MOORE or to me at Malvern Hills, the residence of CAPTAIN SAMUEL BOCKIUS. . . .

WILLIAM RING.

The Subscriber's school will be opened at his residence in the upper part of King William County on the 15th of January next and continued till the 15th of December following with

the exception of one month for vacation. . . . The Subscriber has engaged MR. ROBERT TEMPLE GWATHMEY to unite with him in the labor of instruction. Mr. Gwathmey has lately completed his education at the University of Virginia. He is an estimable young man, extremely steady in his habits and withal eminently qualified as an instructor. A line addressed to the Subscriber, Greenmont, King William county, Va. will be delivered to

THOMAS DABNEY

Dorrell, King William, December 23, 1828.

KING WILLIAM LAND FOR SALE. At Public Auction at King William Courthouse on the 26th of September a Tract immediately on the Pamunkey River known by the name of the River Plantation, adjoining the lands of Messrs. C. BRAXTON, RICHARD WILROY and LANGBURN'S Estate, containing 216 acres, and another containing 142 acres known by the name of WINGFIELD.

September 11, 1929

R. C. WORTHAM

WM. CRANE

CHAS. ELLIS

HENRY H. KING

MECHANICSVILLE FOR SALE. Pursuant to the provisions of a Deed of Trust executed by JNO. P. WALDEN and wife to the Subscriber bearing date the . . . day of April, 1829, that tract of land in the County of King William called MECHANICSVILLE, containing 44½ acres. . . . The Buildings situated thereon consist of a good storehouse, dwelling house, carriage shop, &c. . . . on the public road leading across Dabney's Ferry to Aylett's Warehouse. . . .

B. F. DABNEY, Trustee.

Pursuant to the Provisions of the last Will and Testament of WILLIAM ARMISTEAD, Deceased, on the 28th of this month (September, 1829) we shall offer for sale at King William courthouse . . . that valuable estate called CLAIBORNE HALL, lying on the Pamunkey River in King William county adjoining WILLIAMS' FERRY, containing 310 of very fertile high land and extensive marshes . . . a commodious store house with

three rooms, a passage and a cellar, and a new two-story granary with all necessary outhouses . . . situated within three or four hundred yards of the river. . . . Referred to MAJOR EDMUND CHRISTIAN near Richmond, THOMAS H. TERRELL in New Kent, and WILLIAM ARMISTEAD in King & Queen county.

THOMAS H. TERRELL

WILLIAM ARMISTEAD, Ex'ors of

WM. ARMISTEAD, Dec'd.

TWENTY DOLLARS REWARD. For the apprehension of my man, Billy Sampson, who ran away . . .

Pampatike, King William

THOMAS CARTER.

September 11, 1829.

Pursuant to a Deed of Trust bearing date February 4, 1820 executed by JAMES B. ELLETT and wife to GIDEON BOSHER. . . . I will sell as Trustee a tract of land in the county of King William containing 225 acres . . . near Brandy Wine, and adjoining Moncuen Mills.

December 3, 1829.

EDMUND CHRISTIAN.

The Richmond Whig, MAY 18, 1830:

For Sale in King William . . . one moiety of the 200 acres of the tract called SPRINGFIELD lying in King William held by CORNELIUS DABNEY by descent from RICHARD DABNEY, Deceased, . . .

In the *Richmond Whig* for June 9, 1831, the Estate of JAMES GOVAN, Deceased, is offered for sale by the executors: JAMES GOVAN, EDWARD GOVAN and ARCHIBALD GOVAN, sons of the deceased. The advertisement, running through several issues, enumerates: land in Amherst County known as the Buck House tract; lands in Buckingham and Goochland counties; in Hanover near Goodall's Tavern "on which is a comfortable dwelling house." In King & Queen County on the Mattapony called RICKAHOCK, containing 599 acres; TARWOOD in New Kent county containing 347 acres; and "that



—Courtesy the *William and Mary Quarterly*.

DABNEY'S MILL. Front View. King William County



—Courtesy the *William and Mary Quarterly*.

DABNEY'S MILL. Side View. King William County

valuable estate, POWHITE, the residence of our testator . . . not more than eight miles from Richmond," containing 1,158 acres.

In the issue of October 15, 1831 the personal estate of JAMES GOVAN appears for the first time and runs through several issues. For sale, besides crops and stocks, household and kitchen furniture, we find mention of: "a select library of nearly 500 volumes, but few of them injured, London editions, Hogarth's most admired prints, scenes from Shakspeare by Boydells, &c. . . ." a Broadwood grand piano, a quantity of old plate, and other items, most remarkable for a country estate.

THURSDAY, JUNE 7, 1832:

Will be sold at LIBERTY HALL, King William county, . . . household and kitchen furniture . . . belonging to the estate of WILLIAM D. CLAIBORNE, Dec'd.

GEORGE CLAIBORNE

PHILIP CLAIBORNE, Executors.

DECEMBER 22, 1833:

Being desirous of settling my administration of the estate of MRS. EUPHANIA CLAIBORNE, Deceased, of King William all persons having claims against my intestate, are requested . . .

CORBIN BRAXTON, Administrator of
EUPHANIA CLAIBORNE, Dec'd.

KING WILLIAM LAND FOR SALE. The Plantation called KOWNES (*i. e.* Cownes) belonging to the estate of PHILIP AYLETT, Deceased. lying between Herring Creek and the Mattaponi River, about two miles above Aylett's Warehouse, containing 550 acres. . . .

Montville, King William Co.
March 8, 1833.

PHILIP AYLETT, Ex'or of
P. AYLETT, Dec'd.

RUMFORD ACADEMY is advertised for 1835 with HENRY ROBINSON as Principal and HEATH J. CHRISTIAN, as Assis-

tant. Terms for Boarders, \$120 per session; for day pupils, \$30. One half payable in April and October.

THE METEORIC SHOWER OF 1833.

The night of November 13, 1833 was made historic by the occurrence of that terrifying natural phenomenon known as "The Meteoric Shower of 1833." It was seen throughout the eastern states of America, from the Great Lakes to the West Indies, and in Mexico and Central America, causing consternation and terror, especially among the negroes of the South. The newspapers are filled with accounts of the strange event, but the following unsigned description is chosen for this book because it came from King William:

"Very remarkable phenomena were seen from MONTVILLE, King William county on Wednesday morning, the 13th. of November. The sky was singularly serene, for not a semblance of a cloud was discernible. About four o'clock a few shooting stars commenced flying with a motion inconceivably rapid, the number increasing every moment until the whole firmament appeared to be a moving mass of fiery globes, darting quicker than thought, to be extinguished in an azure belt that encircled the sky; in this belt nothing but blue sky, and now and then a twinkling star could be seen, all else was hopping balls of fire. So incredible was the number that an old negro, in giving an account of it, said: 'It was awful, indeed, Sir! It looked like ripe crab apples falling from the tree when shaking them for cider.' This was an excellent representation, both as to their manner of falling and their size. Another said: 'It looked as if the stars were snowing.'

"They continued 'snowing on' at this rate for about 35 minutes, when the number of meteors lessened though their size increased. It was about this time that two were observed of the size of six inch globes, somewhat elongated, the one ten minutes later than the other. The course of the first was north-east, leaving behind a trail of light two or three yards in length, while sparks were flying from the body of the meteor

in every direction until it burst in a thousand particles. This, from its appearance to its bursting, continued in view until the number of 63 was counted. This was the only method of determining the length of time the meteor was visible as it was too dark to ascertain it by a watch. The course of the latter was southeast, the tail not so long as that of the first, but it was visible much longer, 137 being counted. A crackling noise attended them both. The meteors continued shooting, though in not so great numbers, until they, together with the stars, melted away before the rising sun. It is worthy of remark that not one shot athwart the horizon, but every one seemed to radiate from a common center, which center was the zenith of the specator."

The Subscriber will sell at Public Auction at his residence, &c. . . . that valuable mill contiguous to his residence, known by the name of "King William Mills," with 70 acres of land attached. There are now in operation a pair of burr stones, 5½ feet in diameter, and a pair of Esopus for grinding corn, . . .

The Grove, King William Co.
December 2, 1833.

ROBERT CARTER PAGE.⁷⁶

⁷⁶ Robert Carter Page was a son of Charles Carter and Sallie Cary (Nelson) Page. He was born April 18, 1803 and married, September 22, 1829, Martha Ann Temple. (*Va. Mag.*, XXXIII, p. 87.)

THE GROVE FOR SALE. The Subscriber will offer for sale . . . at Public Auction the plantation on which he resides, formerly known as WORMELEY GROVE,⁷⁷ containing 200 acres lying near Pamunkey River, . . . This land is exempt from the overflowing of the river . . . is a part of the tract formerly owned by my father, . . . My brother, NORBORNE T. PAGE will, at the same time, offer for sale a portion of the same estate. . . .

King William,
November 19, 1833

ROBERT CARTER PAGE.

⁷⁷ "The Grove" became about this time the home of John Camm

Pollard, son of Robert and Martha (Russell) Pollard of "Zoar." He had married Caroline Nelson Page, a sister of Robert Carter and Norborne T. Page. About 1840, "The Grove" was purchased by Dr. Aylett Hawes of Kentucky who had married his first cousin, Mary Hawes, the daughter of Walker and Mary (Martin) Hawes of "Vermont." Dr. Hawes, a practicing physician well loved in the county, had a son and three grandsons who followed in his footsteps. These were: Dr. Walker Aylett Hawes, for many years of New York City; Dr. Hawes Campbell and Dr. Walker Aylett Campbell of King William and Hanover, and Dr. Clarence Campbell of Sparta, Caroline County.

The Subscriber will sell . . . his plantation in Hanover County . . . containing 416 acres. . . . The purchaser will be shown it by CHARLES or ROBERT PAGE, or MR. GEORGE DABNEY living immediately in the neighborhood. On the first day of January at Aylett's Warehouse . . . he will offer for sale the plantation upon which he resides⁷⁸ lying one-half mile from the said place and the Mattaponi River . . . containing 505 $\frac{1}{2}$ acres.

King William,
Dec. 10, 1833

JOHN CAMM POLLARD.

⁷⁸ The last plantation named was "Warsaw," which had been devised to him by his father. This place is now the home of Dr. and Mrs. Tom Peete Cross, who have beautifully restored it.

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 7, 1837:

GREEN HILL FOR SALE. 210 acres, formerly the home of BRAXTON GARLICK,⁷⁹ Esq. situated in King William County within two miles of the Court House and the same from Rumford Academy . . . On a part is a beautiful mill site . . . a large dwelling house nearly finished . . . Being determined to move west will sell &c. . . .

JOHN KING.

⁷⁹ Braxton Garlick was son of Samuel Garlick (3rd generation) and his second wife, Mary Carter Braxton, daughter of George Braxton of "Chericoke," son of The Signer. This Samuel Garlick was son of Camm Garlick, (son of the first Samuel) who died in Portugal in 1782. He married, first, Elizabeth, daughter of William Hill, son of Humphrey. Braxton Garlick lived for some years at "New Farm," his mother's home on the Mattaponi.

OCTOBER 12, 1837:

Pamunkey Farm for Sale. My farm called LIBERTY HALL, lying on the Pamunkey River in King William County about five miles below the PIPING TREE. Permission to examine given by my friend, CHARLES BRAXTON, who lives adjoining.

BEVERLEY KENNON.

For sale my residence⁸⁰ in the county of King William containing between 8 and 900 acres, situated in a populous neighborhood and contiguous to Rumford Academy. . . .

WILLIAM B. WESTMORE.

⁸⁰ This place was known to a later generation as the "Gregg Farm." Dr. William B. Westmore married, August 16, 1820, Anna Maria Roane, a daughter of Thomas Roane of "The Forge."

Richmond Enquirer, FRIDAY, JUNE 14, 1837:

In this issue PRESQU'ISLE on the Mattapony is advertised for sale by JOHN S. BARRETT, who had married Nancy, daughter of BENJAMIN TEMPLE. He thus accurately describes the location:

"On the west I am bounded by the lands of General Aylett whose beautiful and excellent mill is situated at the entrance to the plantation; on the north by the town of Ayletts, from which it is distant only a little more than a mile."

Presqu'Isle was the former home of Joseph Temple and his wife, Ann Arnold. Arnold's Ferry was operated from this farm to the King & Queen side of the river. This was before the establishment of the ferry at Ayletts Warehouse. In the King William Petitions among original papers in the Virginia State Archives, there is one from Philip Aylett praying "that a ferry be established at Aylett's Warehouse on Mattapony River," contending that in order to get there, "passengers from the opposite side of the river are obliged to travel several miles for want of a ferry." This ferry was to lead to the "lands of Fauntleroy and Anderson in the County of King & Queen." The petition is dated November 27, 1786.

AUGUST 18, 1837:

On the 29th of August, if not previously sold, I will sell at auction, WAKEFIELD,⁸¹ the farm on which I reside containing 479½ acres lying on Herring Creek six miles above Aylett's Warehouse. . . .

W. GWATHMEY.

⁸¹ "Wakefield" was a part of the Burwell grant of 1699. In 1785 it was purchased by William Gwathmey, a brother of Joseph Gwathmey of "Burlington." After his death it was purchased by his nephew, Dr. William Gwathmey, son of Joseph. After the death of his father, Dr. William Gwathmey sold "Wakefield" to his brother Richard and made his home at "Burlington." In 1848 Richard Gwathmey removed to "Bear Island" in Hanover County, selling "Wakefield" to his sister Eleanor, widow of Richard Squire Taylor, formerly of "The Ferry Farm" on the Pamunkey. It was a Taylor home for many years. After a period of alienation it became once more a Gwathmey property as the home of Dr. William Gwathmey, grandson of the first Dr. William Gwathmey, and great-grandson of Joseph. His widow and children still make their home there.

TUESDAY, AUGUST 22, 1837:

THE GROVE FOR SALE. Pursuant to a Decree of Chancery for King William County in the case of POLLARD vs POLLARD et als, at the Spring term, 1837, by which the fee simple title in 456 Acres vested in MRS. CAROLINE POLLARD, &c. . . . this tract of land forms part of THE GROVE estate, formerly owned by WARNER WORMELEY, Deceased, and afterwards by CHARLES C. PAGE, Deceased. Applications to be made to WILLIAM A. PAGE in Richmond, or to CHARLES L. C. PAGE, Hanover County.

SEPTEMBER 15, 1837:

In Chancery . . . GEORGE EDWARDS, Administrator of DANDRIDGE B. EDWARDS, Plaintiff vs. ROBERT CARTER PAGE, Administrator of JOHN CAMM POLLARD, et als, Defendants.

OCTOBER 12, 1837:

HICKORY GROVE FOR SALE. The farm on which the Subscriber resides known by the name of HICKORY GROVE in King

William County about a quarter of a mile from the PIPING TREE, containing 477 acres.

MARY TURNER.

In May, 1837, the farm known as BLEAK HILL is offered for sale by THOMAS CARY NELSON who describes himself as "intending to remove to the State of Arkansas." The tract is described as containing upwards of 2,000 acres, about 130 of which are subject to high water from the Pamunkey. At the same time he advertises for sale "DIFFICULT HILL," containing 956 acres, within two miles of HANOVER TOWN.

MARCH 3, 1839:

In Chancery, . . . THOMAS JORDAN vs. JOHN J. ROANE and BAYLOR TEMPLE, Administrators of JOHN ROANE, Deceased.

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 15, 1839:

WORMELEY GROVE FOR SALE. Wishing to purchase a farm of larger size I now offer for sale my farm on the Pamunkey River containing 849 acres. It lies within 20 miles of Richmond, 10 of Ayletts on the Mattaponi, and 5 above Newcastle. Also for sale MECHANICSVILLE, containing 4 and three quarters acres on the main road leading from MANGO HICK CHURCH by DABNEY'S FERRY to Richmond within 3 miles of the ferry.

Enfield, Virginia.

WILLIAM F. GAINES.

NOVEMBER 15, 1839:

The writer having determined to locate in Richmond offers for sale on the 23rd of November at Aylett's Warehouse his small farm in King William County, containing 175 acres. . . .

ROBERT HILL.

My school for the education of Young Ladies will be continued the present year under the instruction of MISS MARY HULL.

King Wm. Co. near Ayletts,

ROBERT POLLARD.

January 11, 1840



—Courtesy The Virginia State Chamber of Commerce.

WINDSOR SHADES, King William County

PAMUNKEY LAND FOR SALE. A Tract of land containing 420 acres, being that portion of the farm called WYOMING⁸² directed to be sold under the will of the late THOMAS CARY NELSON, situated in King William County on the Pamunkey River, 3 miles above DABNEY'S FERRY.

BENJAMIN D. NELSON, Executor of
Thomas Cary Nelson, Deceased.

Wyoming, King Wm. Co.
February 3, 1840.

⁸² This beautiful farm, once the home of Dr. Benjamin Day Nelson, son of Thomas Cary Nelson, is now owned by Mr. Ben Atkinson. The fine old house still stands. The farm, one of the finest on the Pamunkey, is in "apple-pie" condition.

On the 24th day of August next, that being King William Court Day, will be sold at Public Auction before the door of the Court House, the Tract of Land known by the name of DREWRY LANE,⁸³ situated in the aforesaid county between Mattapony and Pamunkey rivers containing about 500 acres, . . .

July 17, 1840.

MARY E. W. QUARLES
ELIZABETH MOSS.

⁸³ Drewry (or Drury) Lane was the home of Major Drury Ragsdale and his wife, Barbara Fox. Major Ragsdale, a son of Drury Ragsdale, Sr. of Chesterfield County, was a Revolutionary officer and a charter member of the Society of Cincinnati. His will, dated February 21, 1804 and proved in King William by Francis W. Richeson and Edmund Littlepage April 23, 1804, does not name his children. We know only of two daughters, Elizabeth; and Frances, who died unmarried (will dated Jan. 30, 1823, and proved June 3, 1823).

Elizabeth ("Betsey") Ragsdale married, first, Francis West Richeson, who was a son of Colonel Holt Richeson and his wife, Mrs. Susanna (West) Gregory*, a daughter of Col. Francis West by his first marriage, and widow of West Gregory.

Francis West Richeson was dead in 1823, leaving an only child, Mary Elizabeth West Richeson. His widow married, secondly, Thomas

*She was born March 15, 1744 and died December 5, 1780. (See West Chart compiled by Mr. George Gregory, in the Virginia Historical Society.)

Moss. The daughter married, April 17, 1834, Francis West Quarles. (See Marriages, this paper.) She and her mother are the signers of the foregoing notice—apparently the only surviving heirs of Major Drury Ragsdale.

JULY 31, 1840:

Wormeley Grove for sale . . . Valuable Pamunkey River farm containing 849 acres . . .

WM. F. GAINES.

AUGUST 7, 1840:

Will be rented for the ensuing year publicly at MECHANICS-VILLE in the County of King William, . . . that well known farm called MARSHALL'S . . . near Dabney's Ferry . . . containing 600 acres.

CHRISTOPHER TOMPKINS, Administrator
of J. F. PAGE, Deceased.

SEPTEMBER 8, 1840:

Pursuant to the last Will and Testament of JAMES FOX, Deceased, will be sold without reserve, . . . QUEENFIELD, lying on the Pamunkey river in King William County, 2 miles from Newcastle. . . .

MARY FOX, executrix of
JAMES FOX, Deceased.

KING WILLIAM LAND FOR SALE. Pursuant to a Decree of King William county court, May term, 1840, in a suit in Chancery in which TEMPLE C. MOORE,⁸⁴ et als, are the plaintiffs, and JOHN N. FOX, et als, are defendants, . . . I shall sell . . . that tract of land whereof JOSEPH C. FOX, Deceased, died seized and possessed, and at present in occupation of TEMPLE C. MOORE, lying in the upper part of King William, and adjoining the lands of RICHARD GWATHMEY and others, containing 470 acres. . . .

JAMES FOX, Commissioner.

⁸⁴ Temple C. Moore married Judith Fox. He was father of Dr. James Boardman Moore, a general practitioner of the county during my girlhood, and grandfather of Mrs. Victoria Moore Heaton, and Mrs. Beverley Taylor.

JANUARY 19, 1841:

Intending to discontinue the farming business I shall sell at Public Auction . . . on Tuesday the 9th of February . . . my tract of land in King William County about four miles from Dabney's Ferry containing nearly five hundred acres . . . has on it an excellent dwelling house nearly new. . . .

E. W. SATTERWHITE.



MARRIAGES.

Williamsburg, June 29, 1739.

On Wednesday evening MR. WILLIAM WINCH, a very considerable Merchant in New Kent county, was married to Miss FANNY PARKE CUSTIS, only daughter of the Honourable JOHN CUSTIS, Esq., one of his Majesty's Council of this colony. . . .

NOVEMBER 7, 1745:

We hear from King William county that on Thursday the 24th past, MR. JOHN SPOTSWOOD, eldest son of the late ALEXANDER SPOTSWOOD, Esqr., formerly governor of this colony, was married to Miss MARY DANDRIDGE, daughter of the late Honourable WILLIAM DANDRIDGE, Esqr., who was commander of one of His Majesty's ships of war, and one of the Honourable Council of State of this Colony.

OCTOBER 3, 1771:

Married this evening, JOHN CARTER, Esq. of King George county to Miss PHILADELPHIA CLAIBORNE, daughter of PHILIP WHITEHEAD CLAIBORNE of King William.

NOVEMBER 25, 1773:

MR. HERBERT CLAIBORNE of Sussex to Miss MOLLY RUFFIN of King William.

OCTOBER 14, 1773:

ROBERT PAGE of Hanover to Miss MOLLY BRAXTON, daughter of COLONEL CARTER BRAXTON of King William.

MARCH 11, 1780:

CAPTAIN NATHANIEL BURWELL of the Artillery to Miss PATTY DIGGES, daughter of the Honourable DUDLEY DIGGES, Esq. of this city (Williamsburg).

DECEMBER 4, 1788:

On the 25th ultimo, MR. JAMES GOVAN, Merchant at Aylett's Warehouse, to MISS ELIZABETH GARLICK.

APRIL 13, 1806:

On Thursday evening, April 2, MR. A. L. ROBINSON to the amiable MISS BETSEY HALL, both of King William.

DECEMBER, 1809:

On the 16th instant, MR. GEORGE TRANT, Attorney at law, to the amiable and highly accomplished Miss MARY E. WALKER,⁸⁵ both of King William.

⁸⁵ She was a daughter of Thomas Walker.

MARCH, 1810:

On the 15th instant MR. ROBERT B. HILL,⁸⁶ Esq. of King & Queen to MISS CATHERINE POLLARD, Daughter of MR. ROBERT POLLARD of King William.

⁸⁶ Robert Baylor Hill was son of Robert and Hannah (Garlick) Hill of "Huckleberry Hall," later called "Roseville," King and Queen County. He was a grandson of Col. Humphrey Hall of "Hillsborough."

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 26, 1816:

Married on Thursday evening last by the Rev. Ro. B. Semple, MR. BENJAMIN P. HOOMES, of Dunkirk, King & Queen County, to MISS ELEANOR DABNEY, daughter of MAJOR GEORGE DABNEY of King William.

On the 5th of December, 1816, by the Rev. Ro. B. Semple MR. GREGORY ROBINSON of King William to MISS LOUISA HILL of King & Queen.

On the 18th of December, 1816, by the same, MR. ARCHIBALD BROWN, Merchant of King William to MISS ANN SAUNDERS of King & Queen.

On Thursday, December 12th, 1816, by the Reverend John Mill, MR. JOHN M'CARTY to MISS POLLY MOORE, all of King William.

On Thursday, December 19, 1816, by the same, MR. AMBROSE EDWARDS to the amiable MISS JANET EDWARDS, all of King-Wm.

On Thursday the 26th of December, 1816, by the Rev. John Mill, MR. AMMON JOHNSON⁸⁷ to . . . MISS ANN LITTLEPAGE, . . .

⁸⁷ Ammon Johnson was son of James and Lucy (Ammon) Johnson of "Old Town."

ISSUE OF TUESDAY, MAY 20, 1817:

On Tuesday last by the Rev. John Mill, MR. FRANCIS ROW of King & Queen county to MISS LUCY ANN BUTLER, of King-Wm.

On Tuesday evening the 16th instant (May, 1817) by the Rev. Mr. Hatchett, MR. HENRY B. GAINES, Merchant of Lynchburg, to MISS AGNES GWATHMEY, eldest daughter of MR. JOSEPH GWATHMEY of King-Wm.

In Williamsburg on the 20th of May, 1817, by the Rev. Mr. Dennis, MR. NEWMAN B. ROANE of King-Wm to MISS MARIA G. HANKIN, eldest daughter of MR. WM. HANKIN of that city.

On Wednesday the 14th instant (February, 1818) at WOODBERRY, King William county, the residence of Isaac Quarles, dec'd, CAPT. ARMISTEAD COLEMAN of Amelia County to . . . MISS BETSEY L. QUARLES.

On Thursday 19th instant (February, 1818) JOHN CATLETT, Esq. of King-Wm. to . . . MISS MARTHA BAITUP of Gloucester.

On Tuesday evening by the Rev. John D. Blair, MR. ROBERT C. WILLIAMSON, merchant of this city, to MISS LUCY P. CHAMBERLAYNE of King William county. (Issue of Tuesday, June 2, 1818.)

On Thursday, the 15th instant (June, 1820) DR. AMERICUS W. PAINE of Goochland to . . . MISS JANE BEVERLEY DUDLEY of King William.

On Thursday the 9th instant (August, 1821) by Rev. Ro. B. Semple, MR. TEMPLE WALKER of King & Queen to Miss LUCY TALIAFERRO of King William.

On Thursday the 15th of November, 1821, by Rev. Philip Courtney, MORDECAI B. DABNEY, of the City of Richmond, to Miss MARTHA P. HOOMES of "Point of View," King & Queen Co.

On Thursday, the 10th of January, 1822, REV. WILLIAM TODD of King & Queen county, to Miss HARRIETT HILL of King William.

On Thursday the 29th of April, 1822, . . . MAJOR CATESBY JONES of Gloucester County to Miss MARY B., youngest daughter of JOHN TALIAFERRO, Esq. of King William.

On the 20th ultimo (April, 1822) by the Rev. Robert B. Semple, COL. PHILIP AYLETT, Jr. to the beautiful Miss J. P. WALLER, only daughter of BENJAMIN WALLER, Deceased, all of King William.

On Thursday, the 8th of August, 1828, by the Rev. Ro. B. Semple, MR. JAMES SEMPLE of Essex to . . . Miss MARY P. GARLICK of King William.

On Wednesday the 3rd of March, 1824, at PARADISE in Essex County . . . MR. GEORGE DABNEY of King William to Miss MARTHA E., also MR. WILLIAM B. COOK of this city (Richmond) to Miss EMILY F., daughters of CAPT FOUSHEE G. TIBBS.

On the 18th of November, 1824, by the Rev. Mr. Silliman of New Kent, MR. THOMAS A. PANNILL of King William to Miss ELIZABETH C. LACY of New Kent.

Married on Wednesday the 23rd instant (March, 1825) by Rev. Mr. Todd, MR. CHARLES L. EDWARDS to Miss

MARIA ELLEANOR BUTLER, both of King William. (Issue of April 1, 1825.)

EDWARD HILL of King William and ELIZABETH GOVAN⁸⁸ of Hanover, January 12, 1826. License January 9, 1926.

⁸⁸ From the Parish Register of St. John's Church, Richmond. She was daughter of James Govan of Powhite, Hanover County, formerly of King William.

On Thursday evening last at the residence of MR. ROBERT B. GAINES, in King William county, THOMAS N. CARTER, Esq. of PAMPATIKE, to MISS JULIET M., daughter of HENRY GAINES of Gloucester Co. (Issue of February 25, 1826.)

At Smyrna on Thursday the 26th ultimo by Rev. D. Atkinson, MAJOR THOMAS DABNEY to MISS MARY E., youngest daughter of the late COL. CHRISTOPHER TOMPKINS of King William. (Issue of January 6, 1827.)

At BEAR GARDEN, On the same evening, by the Rev. D. Atkinson, THOMAS U. TOLER to MISS CATHERINE HUNTON, all of King William.

On the 6th ultimo by the Rev. Dudley Atkinson, MR. JESSE FARINHOLT, Merchant, to MISS EMMA, daughter of MR. THOMAS JONES of KENNINGTON, King William County. (Issue of March 30, 1827.)

On the 6th of July, 1827, by the Rev. William Hill, DR. AYLETT HAWES of Kentucky to MISS MARY, daughter of WALKER HAWES, Esq., all of King William.

On the 21st of February, 1828, by the Rev. Dudley Atkinson, MR. SAMUEL STOUT of Orange, to MISS MARY E. BOYD of King William.

On the 15th of May, 1828, at GREENVILLE, by the Rev. Andrew Broaddus, WILSON C. NELSON, Esq. to MISS SUSAN D. DABNEY, all of King William.

At Orange C. H. on the 9th of October, 1828, MR.

GABRIEL GRAY of Culpeper to Miss EMILY A. DABNEY of GREENVILLE, King William County.

On Thursday, the 11th of December, 1828, RICHARD HILL, Esq. of Spotsylvania County to Miss MARY, daughter of JAMES GOVAN of Powhite, Hanover County.

At KENNINGTON, King William County, on the 1st of January, 1829, DR. JEFFERSON MINOR of Fredericksburg, to Miss VIRGINIA F. JONES, of Essex County.

On Wednesday the 1st of July, 1829, by the Rev. Mr. Silliman, CAPT. BEVERLEY KENNON of the U. S. Navy to Miss ELIZABETH D. CLAIBORNE, in King William County.

On Tuesday the 14th of August, 1829, MR. ROBERT FARRAR of Greensboro, N. C. to Miss ELIZABETH GARY, of King William.

On Thursday the 3rd instant by the Rev. Mr. Armstrong, MR. WILLIAM E. ELLIOTT of King William to Miss SARAH T., second daughter of HARWOOD BULLINGTON of this city. (From the *Religious Herald*, December 11, 1829.)

On the 11th instant by Elder Robert Ryland, MR. WILLIAM S. RYLAND of King William to Miss SUSAN, daughter of CAPTAIN WILLIAM FLEET, of King & Queen. (*Religious Herald*, March 19, 1830.)

ELDER WILLIAM HATCHETT to Miss JUDITH T. FOX of this city. (*Richmond Whig*, October 1, 1830.)

At Montville on Thursday, CAPT. SILAS S. DUNCAN of the U. S. Navy to Miss MARTHA DANDRIDGE, eldest daughter of PHILIP AYLETT, Esq. of King William. (*Richmond Whig*, February 11, 1831.)

On the 11th ultimo by the Rev. Mr. Hatchett, W. WASHINGTON, Esq. to MRS. ANN VASS, eldest daughter of MORDECAI ABRAHAM of King William. (*Religious Herald*, March 25, 1831.)

On the 31st ultimo by the Rev. Samuel T. Moorman, MR. JOHN F. GREGORY to MISS LUCY N. POWELL, both of King William. (*Richmond Whig*, April 5, 1831.)

On the 15th of October 1831 by the Rev. MR. ARMSTRONG, CAPTAIN DAVID DINSMOORE of King William county and MISS ELIZABETH HEMINGWAY of this city. (Richmond.)

At OLD TOWN on the 5th instant (October, 1831), BEVERLEY D. ROY, M. D. of King & Queen county to MISS LUCY AMMON, daughter of MR. CHRISTOPHER JOHNSON of King William.

On the 1st of December, 1831, by the Rev. William Hill, MR. JAMES JOHNSON⁸⁹ to MISS ELIZABETH HAWES, all of King William.

⁸⁹ James Johnson was a son of Christopher Johnson of Old Town, and Elizabeth Hawes, the daughter of Walker and Mary (Martin) Hawes of "Vermont."

On the 10th ultimo (November, 1831) by the Rev. Mr. Hatchett⁹⁰ LAWRENCE TRANT, Esq. to MISS FANNIE B., daughter of MR. BAYLOR HILL of King William Co.

⁹⁰ The Rev. Mr. Hatchett was at this time pastor of Beulah Baptist Church. He married a Miss Gwathmey.

On the 4th of January, 1832, by the REV. DUDLEY ATKINSON, SHERWIN MCRAE, Attorney at Law, to MISS SARAH ANN, daughter of CHRISTOPHER JOHNSON of King William county.

On April 13, 1832, WILLIAM REDD to MISS MARY FLOYD, daughter of THOMAS FLOYD of King William county.

On the 21st of December, 1832, CHAMBERLAINE LIPSCOMB to MISS SUSAN CROW of King William.

On Thursday, the 4th of April, 1833, by the Rev. George W. Trice, MR. WILLIAM F. GARDNER, Jr. of Hanover, to

MISS ELIZABETH LIPSCOMB FOX, daughter of Jeremiah Fox, deceased, of King William.⁹¹

⁹¹ Mr. H. MacGowan ("Pat") King has given me the following note on this couple: William F. Gardner, Jr. was the son of William and Drucilla Crutchfield Gardner who moved from Hanover County, near New Castle, to King and Queen in the early 1830's. His father, William Gardner, was the son of Reuben and Sarah Clark Gardner of "Melbourne," afterwards called Winifred Hall, in Hanover County.

On Wednesday the 7th instant (November, 1833) by the Rev. Mr. Plumer, NORBORNE T. PAGE of King William, to MISS MARIA LOUISA, daughter of the late GEORGE R. JONES of Petersburg.

On the 17th instant (April, 1834) by the Rev. Mr. Acree, MR. FRANCIS W. QUARLES of Richmond to MISS MARY E. W., only daughter of FRANCIS W. RICHESON, Deceased, of King William.

On Thursday the 29th of May last (1834) at La Grange, Tennessee, CAPTAIN ADOLPHUS TUCKER of Brunswick, Virginia, to MISS MARY E., daughter of WILLIAM RUFFIN, late of King William County.

On Thursday, the 24th instant (April, 1834) by Dr. Duvall, DR. ROBERT LYNE of King & Queen County to MISS MARY ANN EDWARDS of King William.

Married by the REV. JOHN DUVAL on the 14th instant (August, 1834) MR. EDWARD PANNILL to MISS ELIZABETH A. SLAUGHTER, both of King William.

On Wednesday the 22nd instant (October, 1834) MR. BRAXTON GARLICK of King William, to MISS MARY C. WEBB, the adopted daughter of HENRY WEBB, Esq. of MARINGO, New Kent County.

On the 10th instant (December, 1834) by the REV. MR. WEBBER, DANIEL S. HICKMAN, Esq. of King William to MISS MARY C. ANDERSON of Goochland.

On March 20, 1835, WILEY R. MCGEORGE of King William to SARAH ANN CLARKSON of King & Queen.

On August 6, 1835, JOHN LUMPKIN to MRS. ANN W. DABNEY, at THE DORRELL in King William County.

On November 6, 1835 by the REV. ELI BALL, ROBERT T. GWATHMEY of King & Queen county to MISS EVELYN C. BROWN⁹² of King William.

⁹² She was a daughter of Archie Brown of "North Point."

On Wednesday evening, at Port Royal, by the REV. MR. FRIEND, DR. CARTER W. WORMELEY of Fredericksburg to MISS ELLEN B., Daughter of PHILIP LIGHTFOOT, Esq. (Issue of Thursday, October 11, 1836.)

On Thursday last by the Rev. G. W. TRICE, MR. WILLIAM W. DABNEY of this city (Richmond) and MISS MARTHA ANN, daughter of WILLIAM BOSHER, Esq. of King William. (Issue of Monday, October 2, 1837.)

On December 27, 1837, by the Rev. PHILIP COURTNEY,⁹³ MR. JOHN KING of this city to MISS SALLY ANN, only daughter of REUBEN LIPSCOMB, formerly of King William.

⁹³ Rev. Philip Courtney was at that time pastor of the First Baptist Church of Richmond.

On Thursday the 21st of December, 1837, by the Rev. GEORGE W. TRICE, MR. JOSEPH SORRELL of Caroline county to MISS CATHERINE MAHON of King William.

At WOODBERRY, King William County on the 20th of December, 1838, by the REV. MR. KIDD, MR. GIDEON FLOYD to MISS LUCY ANN, eldest daughter of GEORGE N. POWELL, Esq.

At DORRELL, King William County, on Tuesday the 12th instant (May, 1840) by the REV. J. B. JETER, MR. JAMES GIDEON BOSHER of this city (Richmond) to MISS MARY BOOTH DABNEY of King William.

DEATHS.

Williamsburg, January 27, 1737.

Last week died at his home in King William county MR. CORNELIUS LYDE, son of MR. LIONEL LYDE, an eminent Merchant in Bristol. He was a justice of the Peace and one of the representatives of his county; was well beloved and his Death is much lamented.

Williamsburg, October 26, 1738.

Last Saturday was Sen'night died at his home in King William county, MR. HUMPHREY BROOKE, a Merchant of considerable note, and a Justice of the Peace of the said county. He was a tender husband; an indulgent father; and a good neighbor.

JULY 16, 1767:

Lately died, MAJOR HARRY GAINES, one of the Representatives in Assembly for King William county.

JULY 14, 1771:

On Saturday last died in King William of a dropsy, CAPTAIN SETON of Bristol. At MR. ROGER GREGORY'S.

OCTOBER 3, 1771:

MR. HARRY ROBINSON of King William, Attorney at Law, a discreet, industrious and fair practitioner.

NOVEMBER 14, 1771:

Died the 10th of this month in King William County MRS. MARY GREGORY, Lady of ROGER GREGORY.

DECEMBER 5, 1771:

MR. PHILIP WHITEHEAD CLAIBORNE, a few days after his having been elected one of the Representatives for King William, at his home in that county.

Williamsburg, July 15, 1775.

Died in this city on Tuesday last in the 19th year of his age, MR. ROBERT RUFFIN, son of COL. RUFFIN of King William County. . . .

October 14, 1775. MR. JEFFREY GRISLEY of King William County.

Purdie's *Gazette*, OCTOBER 28, 1776:

Died on October 18th REV. ALEXANDER WHITE, rector of St. David's parish in King William.

JULY 3, 1779:

MRS. MARGARET BURWELL, Relict of COL. NATHANIEL BURWELL, at her home in King William County.

OCTOBER 30, 1779:

MRS. ANNE BURWELL,⁹⁴ Relict of the late JAMES BURWELL, of York County.

⁹⁴ She was Anne Jones. W. & M. II; 232.)

Virginia Gazette & General Advertiser, JUNE 3, 1800:

Departed this life on Saturday the 24th instant, (*i. e.* May) COL. RICHARD DABNEY of King William county in the 50th year of his age.

Died on Tuesday last MR. S. Q. TERRY, aged 25, son of MRS. ANN RAINS of King William. (Issue of May 12, 1809.)

Died on the night of the 13th instant (April, 1810) in the 57th year of her age, MRS. LUCY NELSON,⁹⁵ relict of COL. WILLIAM NELSON of King William.

⁹⁵ She was Lucy Chiswell and married Col. Nelson November 24, 1770. The names of their children have been published from existing Bible records. See *Virginia Magazine*, Vol. XXXIII, p. 87.

On the 22nd instant (January, 1811) MR. AMBROSE EDWARDS, Sr. of King William, an old and respected inhabitant of that county.

At LIBERTY HALL . . . on Tuesday the 11th instant (June, 1811) WILLIAM DANDRIDGE CLAIBORNE, Esq. aged 55.

On the 17th instant (August, 1811), MRS. LUCY LIPSCOMB, relict of PEMBERTON LIPSCOMB, deceased, . . . in her 57th year.

On the 7th instant (August, 1812) MR. MONTAGUE WILLIAMS, Merchant of King William.

On Saturday the 22nd last (May, 1815) in King William at the seat of Mrs. Maria Williams, JOHN WALKER WALLER.

At his seat in King William county on the 23rd instant (December, 1815) MR. ROBERT HILL,⁹⁶ of a lingering illness.

⁹⁶ He was son of John and Mary (Elliott) Hill of "Mayfair," and lived at "Woodrooffe's" adjoining the former place. He married Sallie, daughter of Robert and Martha (Russell) Pollard of "Zoar."

On Sunday the 27th of April (1817) in the port of Santo Domingo, Island of Teneriffe, DR. WILLIAM PRESLEY CLAIBORNE, late practitioner of medicine in the county of King William.

Died in the county of King William, MRS. MARY ELLEN POLLARD,⁹⁷ consort of JOHN CAMM POLLARD, in the 23rd year of her age, leaving one child, . . .

⁹⁷ She was Mary Eleanor Chamberlayne, daughter of Byrd and Elizabeth Dandridge Chamberlayne, sister of Evelyn Byrd Chamberlayne, wife of Robert Pollard of "Zoar." She was living at "Warsaw," near Ayletts.

Departed this life on the morning of the 13th instant (November, 1818) at Montville, . . . ELIZABETH AYLETT, the second daughter of Philip Aylett, in the 21st year of her age.

On Wednesday the 13th instant (October, 1819) in the 54th year of her age, MRS. MARY EVANS, consort of THOMAS R. EVANS, Esq. of Frazer's Ferry.

On the 21st ultimo (*i. e.* September, 1821) at the residence of MRS. JANE B. HICKMAN, in the County of Caroline, MRS.

NANCY B. MINOR, consort of ARCHIBALD MINOR of Aylett's Warehouse.

Died in King William County on the —— day of April last (1820) MRS. MARY CATLETT, a highly respectable lady in the 89th year of her age.

On Friday the 9th instant (June, 1820) MRS. FRANCES B. TODD, consort of the Rev. William Todd of King & Queen, eldest daughter of MAJOR JOSEPH GWATHMEY of King William.

On the 7th instant (August, 1820) in the 72nd year of her age, MRS. MOLLY TEMPLE,⁹⁸ widow of COL. BENJAMIN TEMPLE of King William.

⁹⁸ She was Mollie Brooke Baylor. Benjamin Temple was son of Joseph and Ann (Arnold) Temple of "Presque Isle."

On Wednesday the 13th instant (December, 1820) at OAK GROVE, King William County, in the 54th year of her age, MRS. ELIZABETH HILL,⁹⁹ consort of MAJOR THOMAS HILL.⁹⁹

⁹⁹ These were the great-grandparents of our present Deputy-clerk, Thomas T. H. Hill.

On Thursday the 11th instant (January, 1821) WILLIAM FITZHUGH BRAXTON, Esq., son of the late CARTER BRAXTON, one of the Signers of the Declaration of Independence. His friends . . . and the Virginia students of medicine are respectfully invited to attend his funeral from his house in George Street, &c. . . . (From the *Philadelphia National Gazette*, January 13th, 1821.)

In King William County on the 30th (April, 1822) after a short illness, MRS. TEMPLE, widow of MR. JACK TEMPLE.

Within a few days past in this state, CORBIN BRAXTON, Esq., a native of Virginia, and a portion of last year a resident of St. Augustine. His death was occasioned by an injury received from the kick of a horse. (Issue of July 9, 1822.)

At Montville, King William county on the 18th of August, 1822, of a bilious fever, in the 18th year of her age, MISS LOUISA AYLETT.

At Williams Ferry in King William county on the 7th of October, 1822, MR. ROBERT WARREN, at an advanced age.

At his residence in the County of King William on the 17th of October, 1822, CHARLES C. PAGE, after a short illness.

At AIRWELL, his place of residence in Hanover County, on the night of the 18th of September, 1823, MR. THOMAS NELSON BERKELEY, eldest son of NELSON BERKELEY, Esq. of King William County.

On Monday the 6th of October, 1823 MISS CAROLINE CATLETT, eldest daughter of MRS. ANN CATLETT of King William county.

At his residence in King William County on the 13th of February, 1824, MAJOR JOSEPH GWATHMEY, in the 67th year of his age.

At Mount Pisgah, the residence of the late COL. B. ROBINSON in King William County, the morning of the 22nd of July, 1824, MRS. SARAH, consort of MR. DANIEL PAINE of Westmoreland County.

Departed this life on the 14th instant at 10 o'clock in the morning, MRS. DIANA DABNEY,¹⁰⁰ consort of COL. RICHARD DABNEY, aged 68 years, 9 months and 13 days.

¹⁰⁰ She was Diana Gwathmey, a sister of Maj. Joseph Gwathmey of "Burlington."

On the 16th of September, 1824, at the Fork Quarter in King William County, MRS. LUCY A. MEAUX, eldest daughter of the late COL. WILLIAM NELSON, and consort of WILLIAM MEAUX, Esq., in the 54th year of her age.

After a short illness on Friday the 22nd of December, 1824 MISS JANE G. STARLING, daughter of Captain Roderick Starling, in the 20th year of her age.

At Bleak Hill, King William County on the 29th of September, 1825, MRS. SARAH NELSON,¹⁰¹ consort of MR. THOMAS C. NELSON, in the 54th year of her age.

¹⁰¹ She was born Sarah Day, the daughter of Major Benjamin Day of Fredericksburg.

On the 1st of October, 1825, at Lilly Point in the County of King William, the REV. THOMAS MILL, in the 60th year of his age.

On Friday, the 14th of October, 1825, in King William County, MRS. ELEANOR EDWARDS.

At Floyd's in King William County on the 17th of June, 1826, MRS. ELIZABETH RYLAND,¹⁰² consort of WILLIAM S. RYLAND, in the 24th year of her age.

¹⁰² She was Elizabeth Garlick, and first wife of William S. Ryland. The place, "Floyd's," was afterward re-named "Roseville." The house still stands.

On the 26th of July, 1826, near Mangohick Church . . . in the 30th year of her age, MRS. NANCY POWELL, consort of JOHN POWELL, and late relict of PRESLEY T. ATKINSON, deceased.

At his residence in King William County on the 13th of December, 1826, BENJAMIN DABNEY, in the 38th year of his age.

On the 15th instant in her 42nd year, MRS. SUSAN L. DABNEY, wife of MAJOR GEORGE DABNEY, of King William. (Issue of May 1, 1827.)

On the 27th of May, 1827, in his 77th year, MR. WILLIAM POWELL, Sr. He was born in Gloucester County, was bred a carpenter and has been a resident of King William County for nearly 20 years.

On Tuesday the 18th of September, 1827, MR. WILLIAM D. PULLER, about 43 years of age.

At his residence in King William the 20th of September, 1827, in the 23rd year of his age, BENJAMIN C. SPILLER. He was bred to the profession of the law, &c. . . .

On Monday the 31st of December, 1827, at GREENVILLE, . . . MAJOR GEORGE DABNEY, in his 57th year. . . .

At his residence . . . on the 10th ultimo (*i. e.* April, 1828) in his 68th year, CAPT. RODERICK STARLING, a soldier of the Revolution.

On the 8th of March, 1828, . . . at CHELSEA, in King William County, A. L. MOORE.

On Thursday the 28th ultimo (*i. e.* August, 1828) at the residence of MR. ROBERT POLLARD of King William, MISS SARAH CHAMBERLAYNE, daughter of THOMAS DELAWARE CHAMBERLAYNE, Deceased, aged 13 years and 5 months.

At his residence in King William County on the 19th of December, 1828, MR. THOMAS WARING TODD.¹⁰³

¹⁰³ He lived at "Millbrook," afterwards owned by Edward Trice. He married Eliza, daughter of James Pendleton, who had married, first, Muscoe Garnett. Bible records.

On the morning of the 1st instant at BROOKFIELD . . . in his 60th year, MR. WILLIAM DABNEY. . . . (From the *Religious Herald*, December 5, 1828.)

On the 20th instant (*i. e.* December, 1828) at the house of MR. JOHN PEMBERTON, . . . MAJOR REUBEN BUTLER, formerly a resident of North Carolina. In seven days he would have completed his 79th year.

In King William County on Saturday the 7th ultimo, (February, 1829) . . . DR. ROBERT F. DANDRIDGE, formerly a resident of this city. . . .

On the 19th ultimo (*i. e.* April, 1829) at his residence in King William, WILLIAM F. TOMPKINS.¹⁰⁴

¹⁰⁴ William Fleet Tompkins, born September 27, 1781, was son of Christopher and Ann (Fleet) Tompkins. He married Elizabeth Catlett.

On the 7th of August, 1829, REES PETERS, by profession a carpenter. Mr. Peters formerly resided in Philadelphia, where, it is understood he has several children.

On the 21st ultimo (August, 1829) MRS. MARY W. BUTLER, consort of MR. BENJAMIN BUTLER, aged 22 years, and on the 24th, MARY S. BUTLER, infant daughter of the same, aged 3 years.

On the 19th of September, 1829, HENRY T., only son of MR. GEORGE H. DABNEY. . . .

Another Revolutionary soldier gone.

On the 21st of September, 1829, in the 73rd year of his age, MR. RALPH HORNE. He was engaged early in the cause and shared largely in the battles of his country and if alacrity in the discharge of his duties, . . . then there seldom has lived a purer patriot than Mr. Horne. He left four sons and seven daughters.

Died at the COOL SPRING on the 13th instant in the 44th year of his age, MR. JOSEPH FOX OF LOCUST HILL in King William. (*The Religious Herald*, March 25, 1831.)

On the 4th of January, 1832, MARY WEST, only daughter of FRANCIS WEST QUARLES, aged 15 months and 20 days, and on the 6th instant, after a painful illness, MRS. MARY QUARLES, consort of FRANCIS WEST QUARLES, in the 20th year of her age.

On the 13th of August, 1832, MR. WILLIAM JOHNSON . . . in his 48th year. . . .

On the 7th of October, 1832, at the residence of WILLIAM WASHINGTON, in King William County, MISS MARY FRANCES, daughter of MR. MORDECAI ABRAHAMS, in the 15th year of her age.

Departed this life at OLD TOWN, in King William, on Thursday, the 13th ultimo in the 53rd year of his age, CHRIS-

TOPHER JOHNSON, . . . an active magistrate and an industrious citizen. . . . (Issue of January 19, 1833.)

On the 15th of March, 1833, at MILTON HALL, the residence of MR. JOHN COX in Richmond County, MR. BEVERLEY ROBINSON, a native of King William, in the 22nd year of his age. . . .

On the 4th of March, 1833, while on a visit to his friends at MANSFIELD, the residence of MR. THOMAS ATKINSON, near Petersburg, MR. JOHN F. PAGE of King William, aged 26. . . .

On the 18th of April, 1833, in the County of Hanover, ALEXANDER FRAYSER, a native of King William, in his 46th year.

On the 30th of September, 1833, at her residence in King William, JUDITH B. HILL, relict of William Hill, deceased, aged 44. (Issue of October 18, 1833.)

On the 26th of November, 1833, at the residence of her husband, CAPT. SILAS DUNCAN of the U. S. navy, MRS. MARTHA D. DUNCAN.¹⁰⁵

¹⁰⁵ She was Martha Dandridge, daughter of Philip and Elizabeth (Henry) Aylett of "Fairfield." The picturesque old house in which they lived still stands in the village of Ayletts.

On the 26th of July, 1834, at OLD TOWN . . . MRS. ELIZABETH Y. JOHNSON, widow of CHRISTOPHER JOHNSON, Deceased. . . .

On the 2nd of September, 1834, at "The Dorrell," the residence of MAJOR THOMAS DABNEY, . . . GEORGE H., only son of GEORGE H. and MARTHA E. DABNEY, aged 6 months and 6 days.

Departed this life at Dixon's Tavern on the 14th of September, 1834, CAPTAIN SILAS DUNCAN, . . . a native of Morris County, N. J. . . . He entered the navy when a boy; was a midshipman aboard the *President* in 1811, &c. (Here follows

a long account of his distinguished career as a naval officer.) He settled with his lady, formerly MISS MARTHA DANDRIDGE AYLETT, at the village of Ayletts in King William County. (*Richmond Enquirer*, Tuesday, September 20, 1834.)

On the 19th of January, 1835, after a lingering illness, ROWLAND HILL, only child of MR. ROBERT HILL . . . aged about 18 months.

At PLEASANT GREEN¹⁰⁶ in the County of King William on the 9th of July, 1836, in the 64th year of her age, MRS. ELIZABETH R. TIMBERLAKE, widow of HENRY TIMBERLAKE.

¹⁰⁶ The beautiful old home, "Pleasant Green," still stands and has been lately restored.

Died on Tuesday evening the 11th of October, 1836, at his home in Ayletts . . . after an illness of eight days, CAPTAIN WILLIAM DUNCAN, formerly of Washington city, in the 47th year of his age, leaving a wife and nine children. . . . He was well known to a large number of typographical fraternity of which he was a member . . . at one time publisher of the National Journal. . . .

On Monday the 6th of March, 1837, in the 29th year of her age, MRS. SUSAN MERRICK,¹⁰⁷ consort of ROBERT MERRICK, Esq. of King William.

¹⁰⁷ This name was probably *Myrick*.

On the 17th of April, 1837 of pulmonary consumption, MRS. ANN GWATHMEY,¹⁰⁸ wife of RICHARD GWATHMEY . . . in her 41st year.

¹⁰⁸ She was Ann Hillyard, first wife of Richard Gwathmey, a son of Major Joseph Gwathmey of "Burlington."

On the 14th of June, 1837, at THE GLOBE, King William County, MRS. SARAH, wife of DUDLEY ALEXANDER, in her 24th year.

On the 4th of September, 1837, MRS. ELIZABETH LIPSCOMB, wife of REUBEN LIPSCOMB.

On September 20, 1837, FANNIE SCOTT, infant daughter of DR. D. H. GREGG and MARIA H. GREGG, aged 18 months.

In the town of Warrenton, Fauquier County, after an illness of many weeks, MAJOR JAMES JOHNSON,¹⁰⁹ of the County of King William. Although Major Johnson has scarcely entered his 31st year, a full share of honors of his native county had been conferred upon him, . . . (Issue of Friday, September 8, 1838.)

¹⁰⁹ He was son of Christopher Johnson of "Old Town."

Died of Paralysis on the 1st instant at his friend, DR. GWATHMEY's, in King William County, ROBERT P. GARLICK, in the 56th year of his age. (*Richmond Whig*, June 8, 1838.)

On Sunday the 7th of October, 1838, MRS. LUCY ELLETT, consort of WILLIAM ELLETT, Esq. at her residence near King William courthouse.

The funeral sermon of MRS. WILLIAM B. LIPSCOMB will be delivered by the Reverend Mr. Jeter at Acquinton Church on Friday the 29th of March, 1839. . . .

THOMAS C. NELSON died at WYOMING, his residence in King William County on the 2nd instant, 61 years of age. . . . The writer of this tribute has often heard it said that "no person has ever been known to cherish an unfriendly feeling for CARY NELSON." (Issue of January 14, 1840.)

At ELSING GREEN in King William County, January 21, 1840, WILLIAM GREGORY, SR.

BENJAMIN B. ANDERSON, formerly of King William and late of Goochland, died at CLOVERDALE in the County of Bath on the 31st of August, 1839 in the 36th year of his age. . . . His remains were brought to King William and interred in the graveyard at FORK QUARTER. He left a wife and five children.

Died in King William County on the 20th of July, 1840, MRS. MARY SIZER, wife of GEORGE SIZER.

Died near Hawesville, Kentucky, on the 5th of October, 1840, MRS. SUSAN A. HAWES,¹¹⁰ wife of the Hon. A. G. Hawes. . . .

¹¹⁰ Susan Aylett Hawes was the youngest daughter of Walker and Mary (Martin) Hawes of "Vermont," King William County. She married her first cousin, Albert Gallatin Hawes of Kentucky.

DR. STEPHEN SUTTON died at his residence, TOWINQUE, in the County of King William, Wednesday morning the 2nd of December, 1840, in his 57th year.

On the 8th of October, 1840, Mrs LUCY A. TALIAFERRO, wife of THOMAS H. TALIAFERRO. . . . She left two boys.



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While this book was in publication, Elizabeth Hawes Ryland passed away on May 23, 1954, at the age of seventy-five years. As the culmination of her many years as a genealogist and Virginia historian, this final work will become a memorial.

